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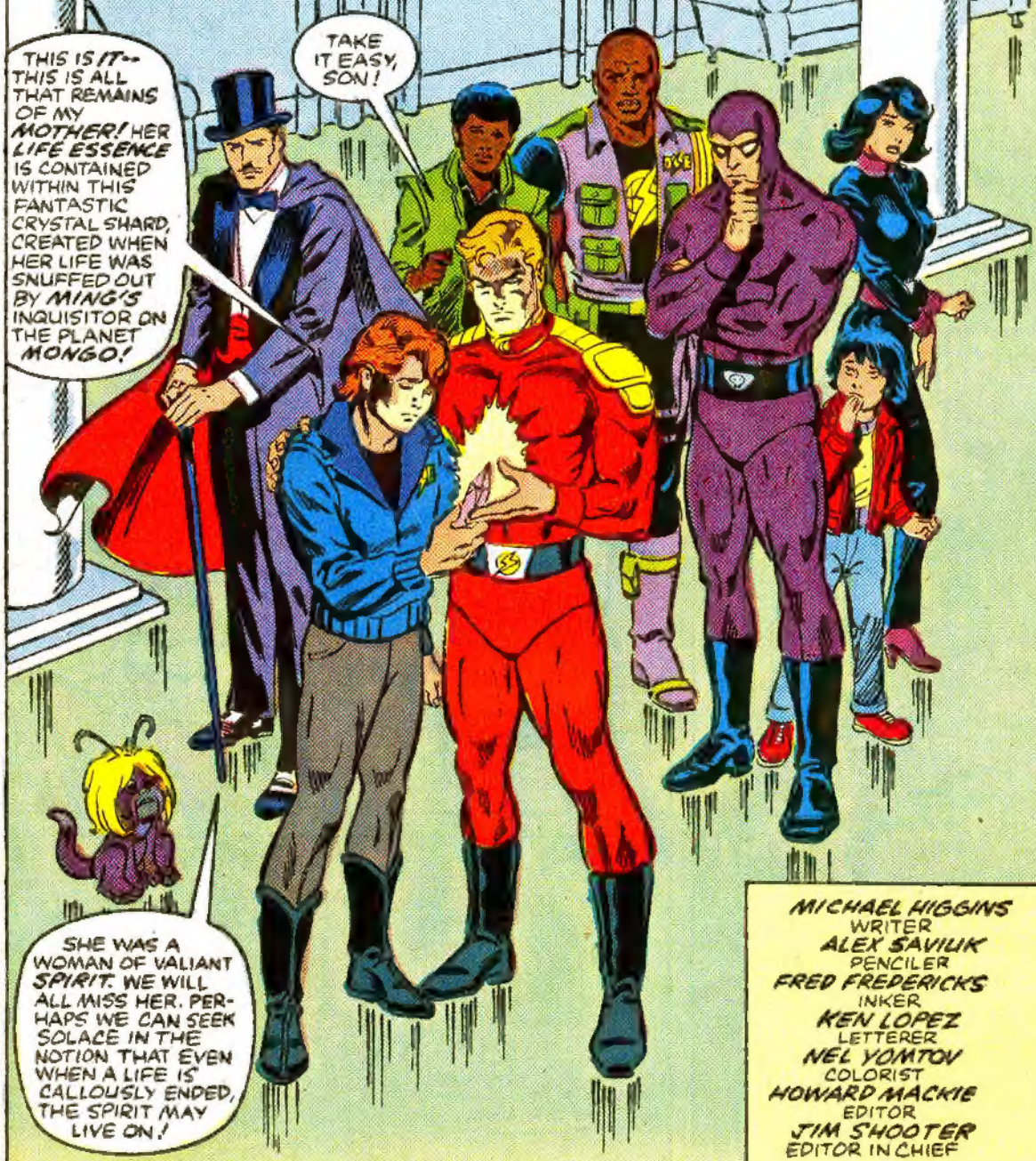




A HOWLING WIND SWEEPS PAST THE SPRAWLING MANSION SECLUDED IN THE MOUNTAINS. FROM OUTSIDE, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE MANSION IS ACTUALLY THE TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS OF A DARING GROUP OF MEN AND YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE Banded TOGETHER TO BATTLE THE GALAXY'S MOST DEADLY TYRANT!

LIKEWISE, THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST THE SPECTACULAR EVENT THAT IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN ITS WALLS!

# CREATION



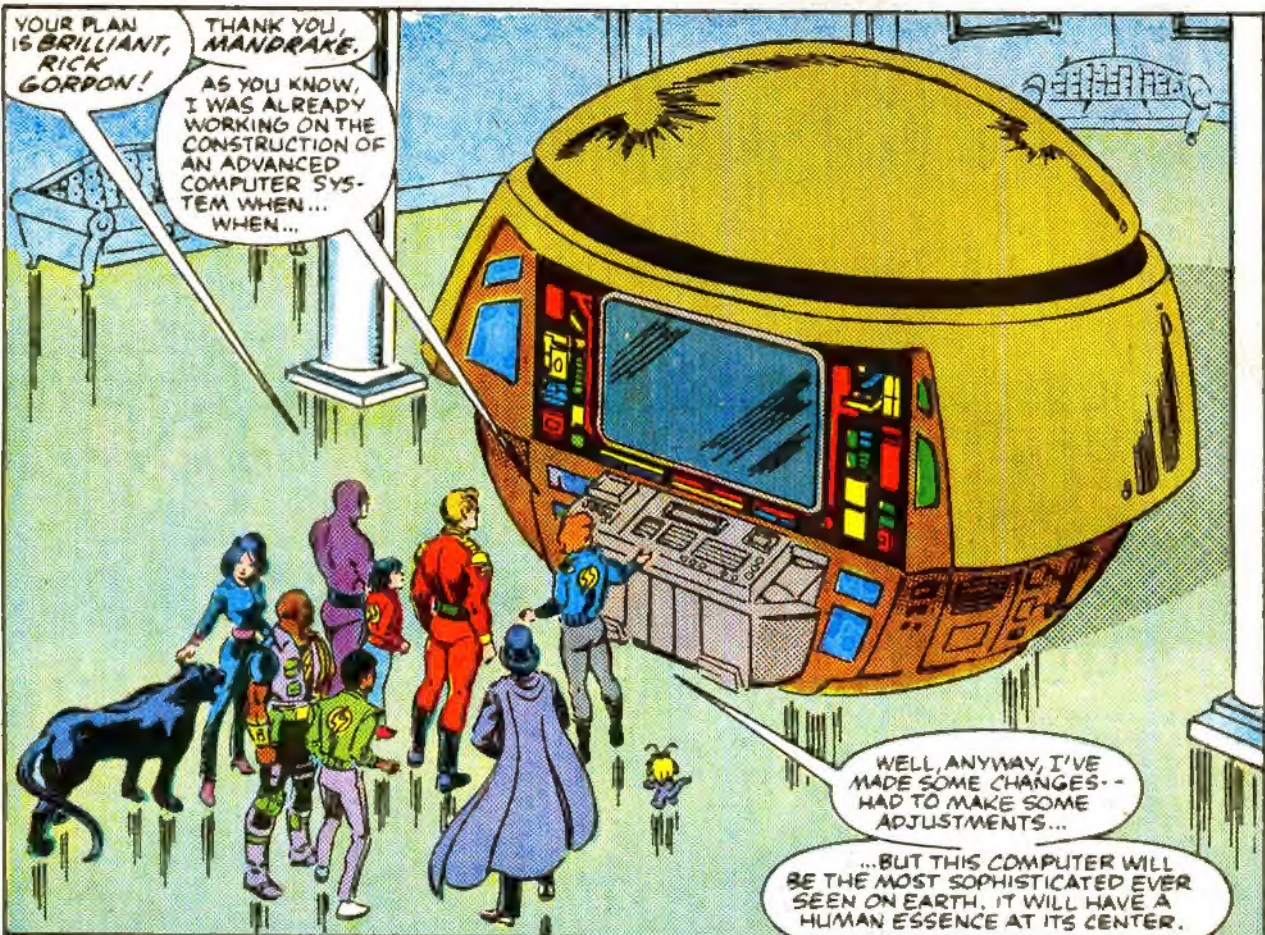
THIS IS IT-- THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF MY MOTHER! HER LIFE ESSENCE IS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS FANTASTIC CRYSTAL SHARD, CREATED WHEN HER LIFE WAS SNUFFED OUT BY MING'S INQUISITOR ON THE PLANET MONGO!

TAKE IT EASY, SON!

SHE WAS A WOMAN OF VALIANT SPIRIT. WE WILL ALL MISS HER. PERHAPS WE CAN SEEK SOLACE IN THE NOTION THAT EVEN WHEN A LIFE IS CALLOUSLY ENDED, THE SPIRIT MAY LIVE ON!

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YOUR PLAN IS BRILLIANT, RICK GORDON!

THANK YOU, MANDRAKE. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS ALREADY WORKING ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCED COMPUTER SYSTEM WHEN... WHEN...

WELL, ANYWAY, I'VE MADE SOME CHANGES-- HAD TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS...

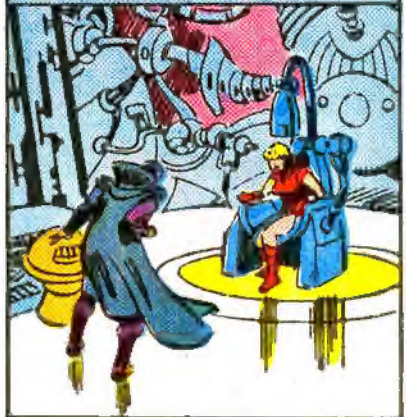
...BUT THIS COMPUTER WILL BE THE MOST SOPHISTICATED EVER SEEN ON EARTH. IT WILL HAVE A HUMAN ESSENCE AT ITS CENTER.

NOT JUST ANY HUMAN--BUT THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST COURAGEOUS, LOVING WOMAN IN ALL THE GALAXY... MY WIFE, DALE!

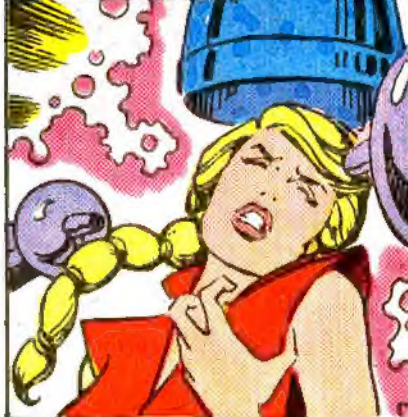
DESPITE HIS STRONG FRONT, FLASH GORDON IS OBVIOUSLY DISTRAUGHT... AND WHO CAN BLAME HIM?



"HIS WIFE WAS SUBJECTED TO A HIDEOUS MENTAL PROBE-- ONE THAT LITERALLY TORE HER MIND FROM HER BODY."



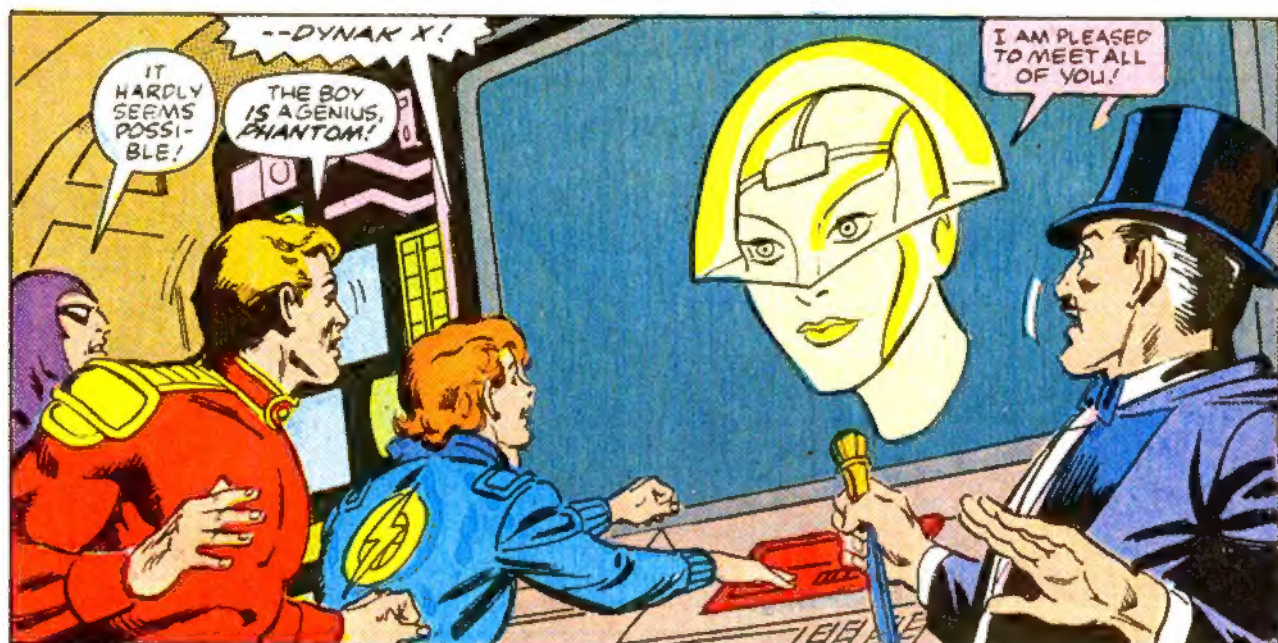
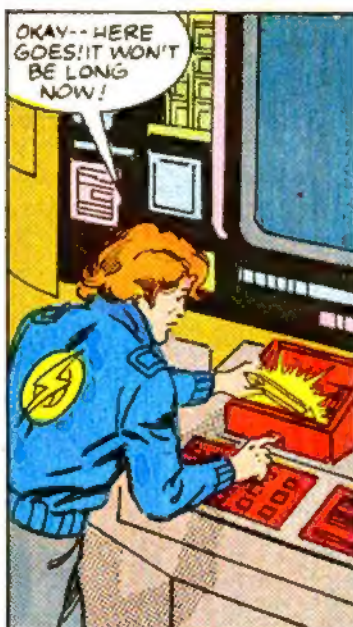
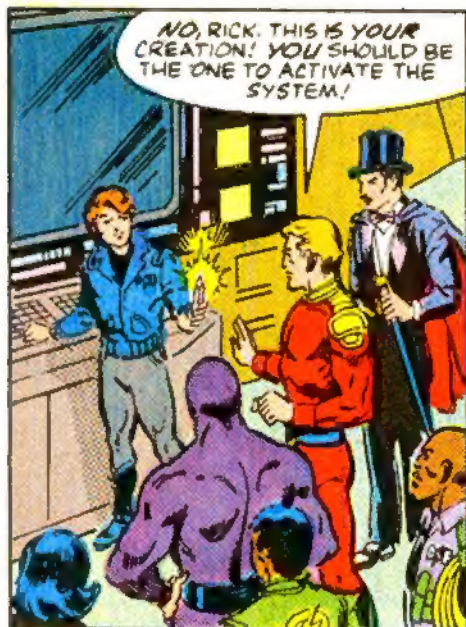
"AND WITH ALL OUR POWER--ALL OUR SKILLS--THE DEFENDERS OF THE EARTH WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE HER!"



DAD... DAD!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLACE THE CRYSTAL INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM? AFTER ALL...







MEANWHILE, IN THE UNDERWATER THRONE ROOM OF MING THE MERCILESS,  
HIDDEN IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS...

MY PLAN TO CONQUER  
PLANET EARTH CANNOT  
PROCEED UNTIL THIS BASE  
IS COMPLETED, OCTON!  
REPORT ON THE WORK IN  
PROGRESS.

YES, YOUR  
MAJESTY!

IF YOU WILL TURN YOUR  
ATTENTION TO THE VIEWSCREEN  
YOU WILL FIND THAT ICE  
ROBOTS ARE WORKING EVEN  
NOW, USING LASERS TO CARVE  
DOORWAYS INTO THE ICY CLIFFS...

BRIDGES ARE UNDER CON-  
STRUCTION THROUGH SO-  
PHISTICATED TECHNOLOGICAL  
MEANS...

A SCHEMATIC WILL  
ILLUSTRATE...

ENOUGH!  
I CAN  
CLEARLY SEE  
WHAT IS  
HAPPENING!

ICE STATION EARTH MUST BE  
COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL IF WE  
ARE TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH  
FLASH GORDON AND HIS WRETCHED  
ALLIES.

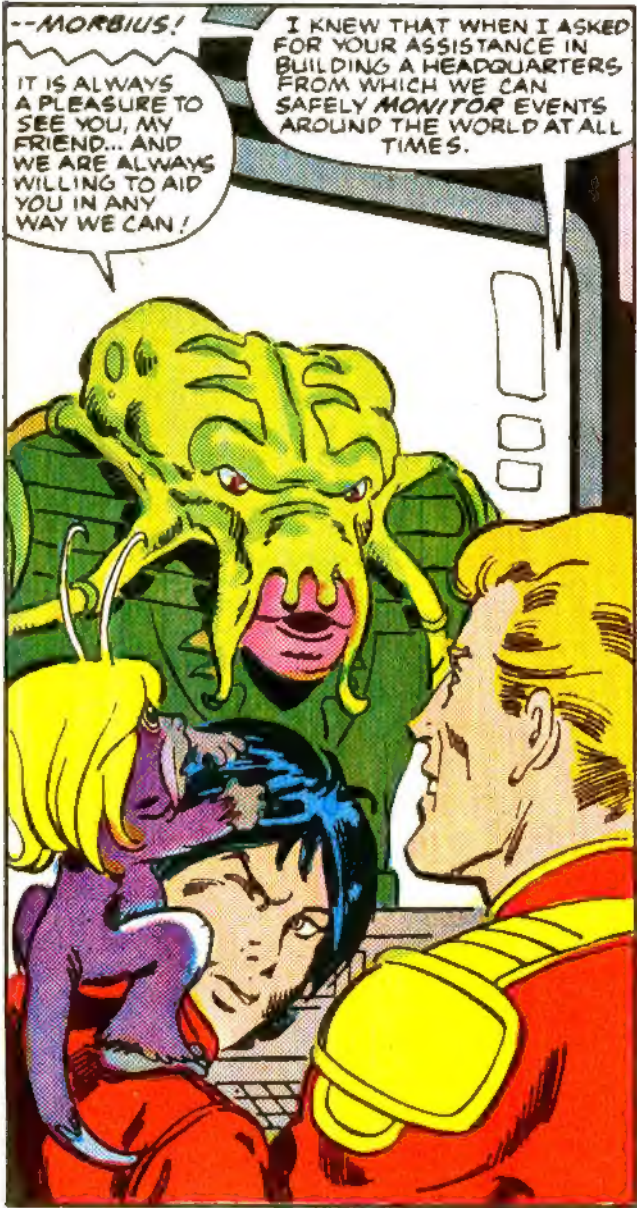
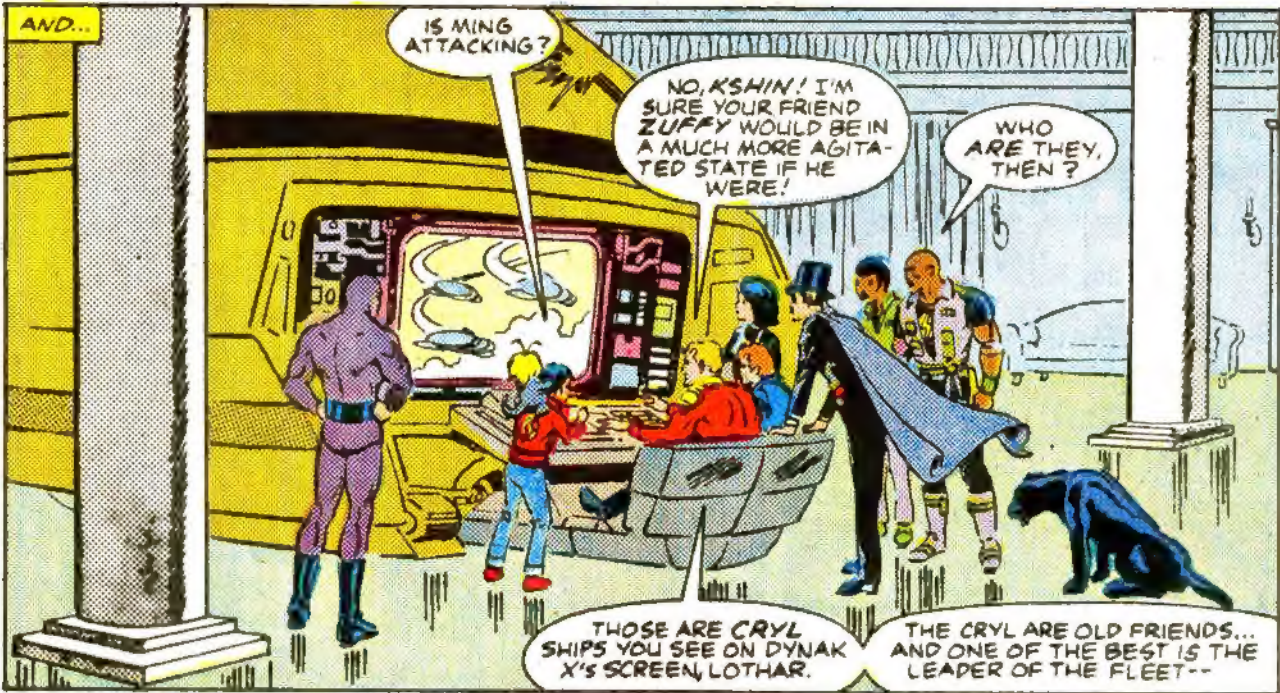
WORK IS MOVING  
MUCH TOO SLOWLY...  
AND WE HAVE  
ALREADY WASTED  
ENOUGH TIME!

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WHAT IS THIS  
NEW  
INTERRUPTION?

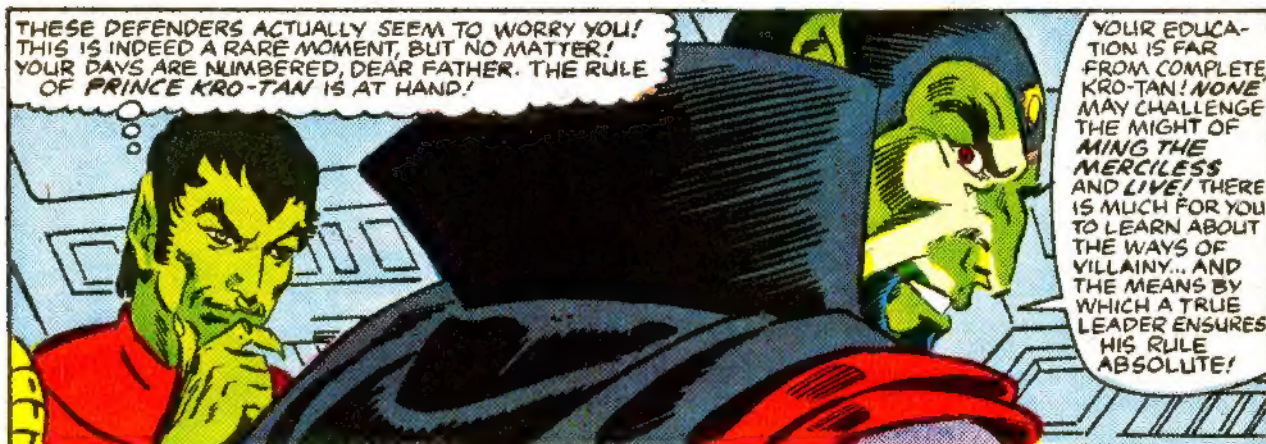
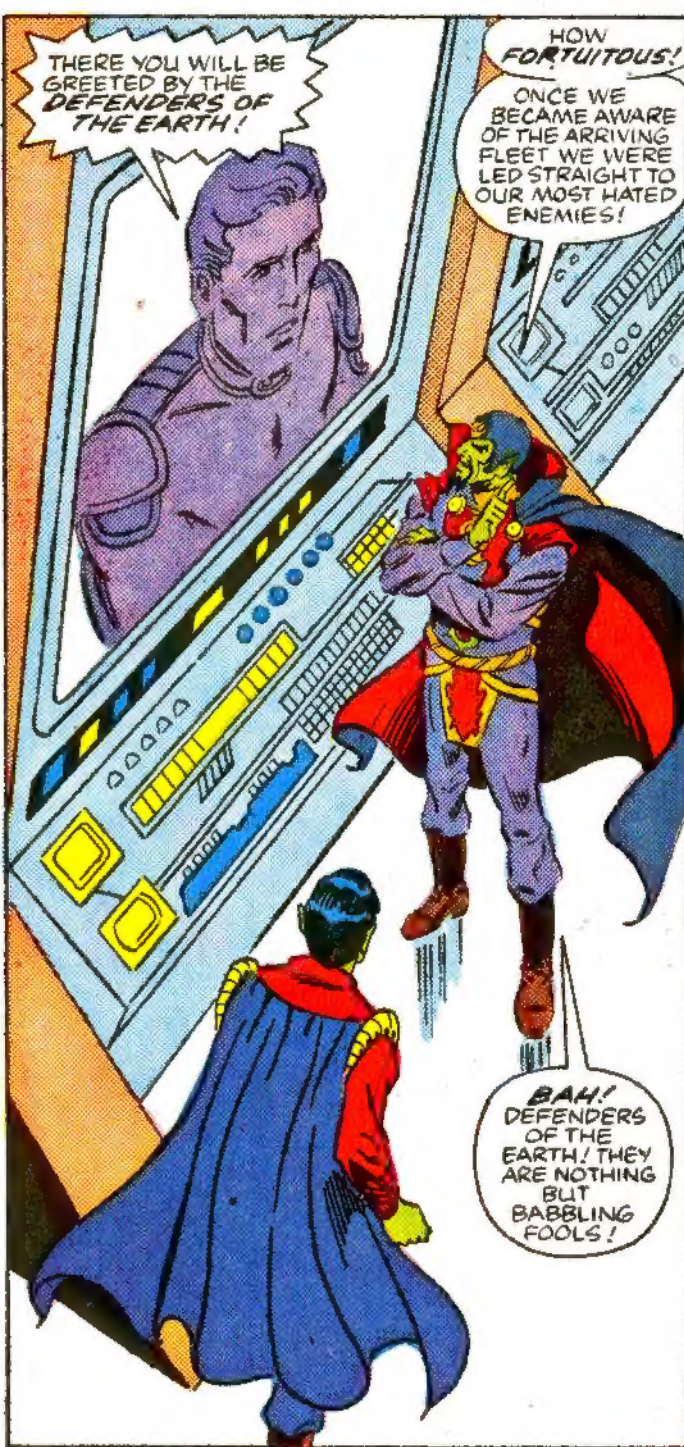
A FLEET OF ENEMY  
SHIPS IS ENTERING  
EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE,  
SIRE.

OCTON, INFORM GARAX  
OF THIS DEVELOPMENT  
AT ONCE!

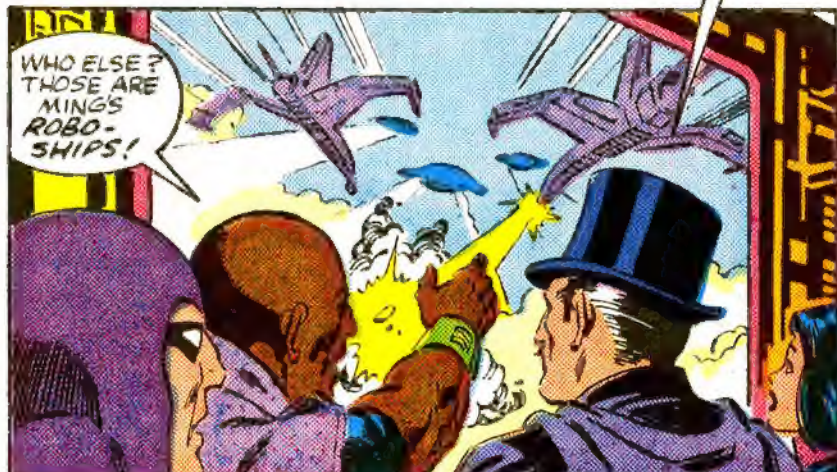
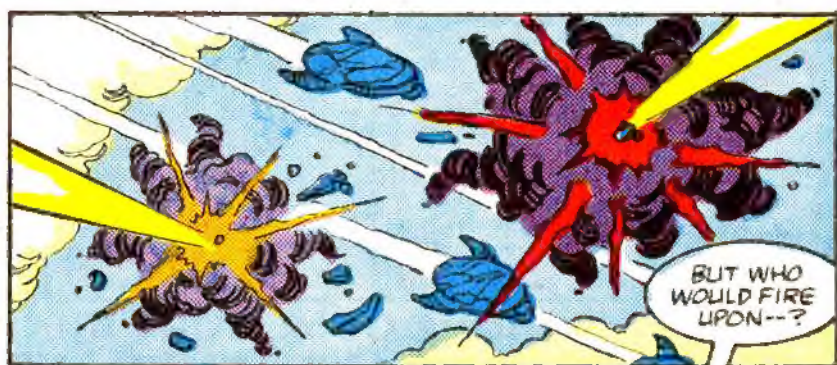
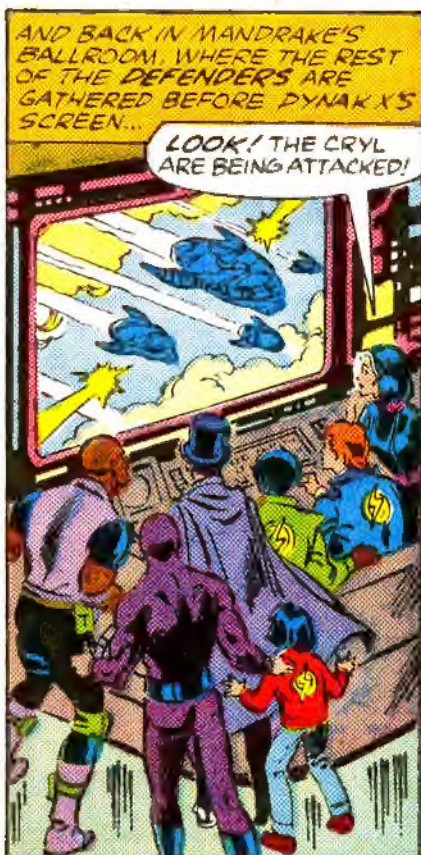
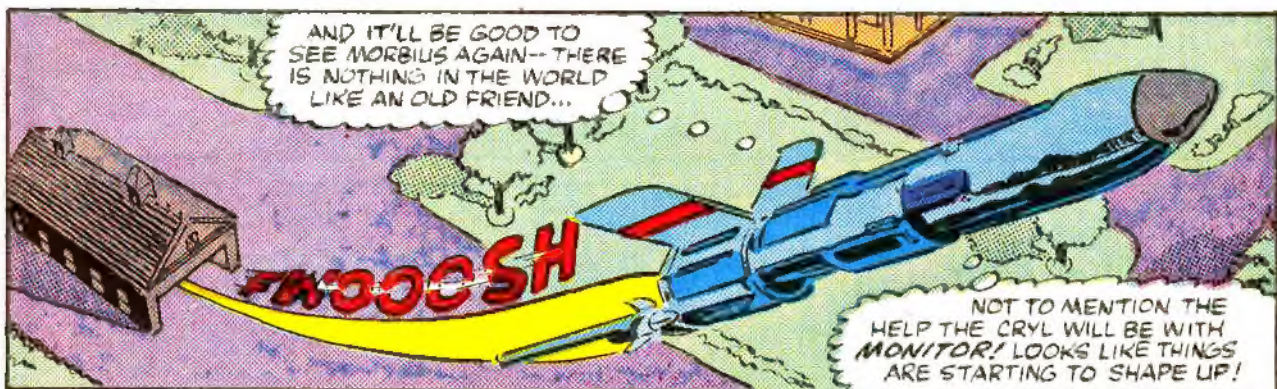
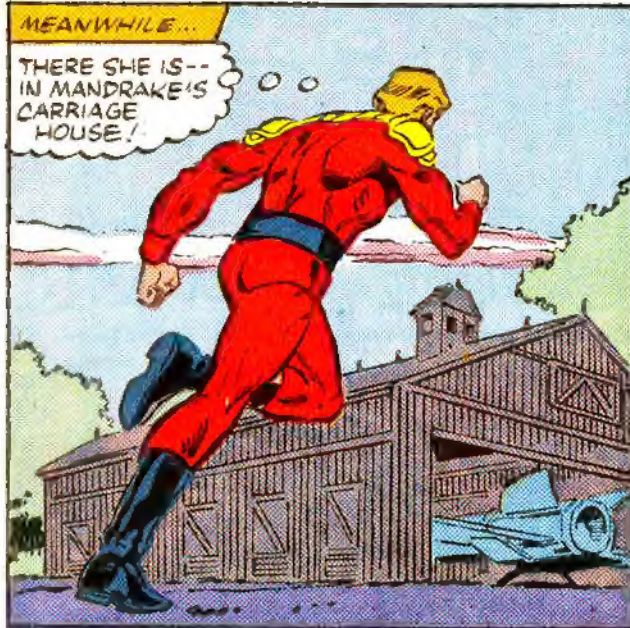






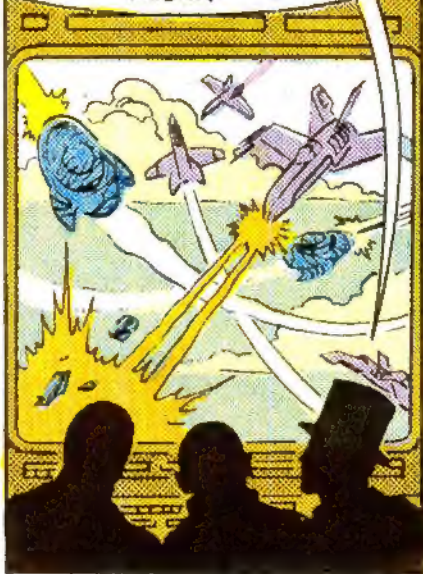




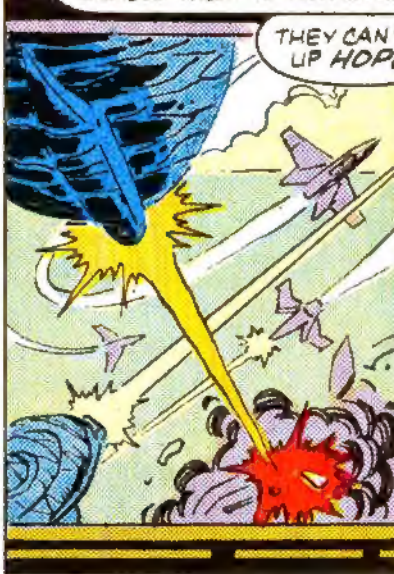




LUCKILY, THE CRYL WERE ON ALERT!



BUT, WILL EVEN THEIR EXPERT ABILITIES BE ENOUGH TO ENABLE THEM TO WITHSTAND SUCH OVERWHELMING ODDS?

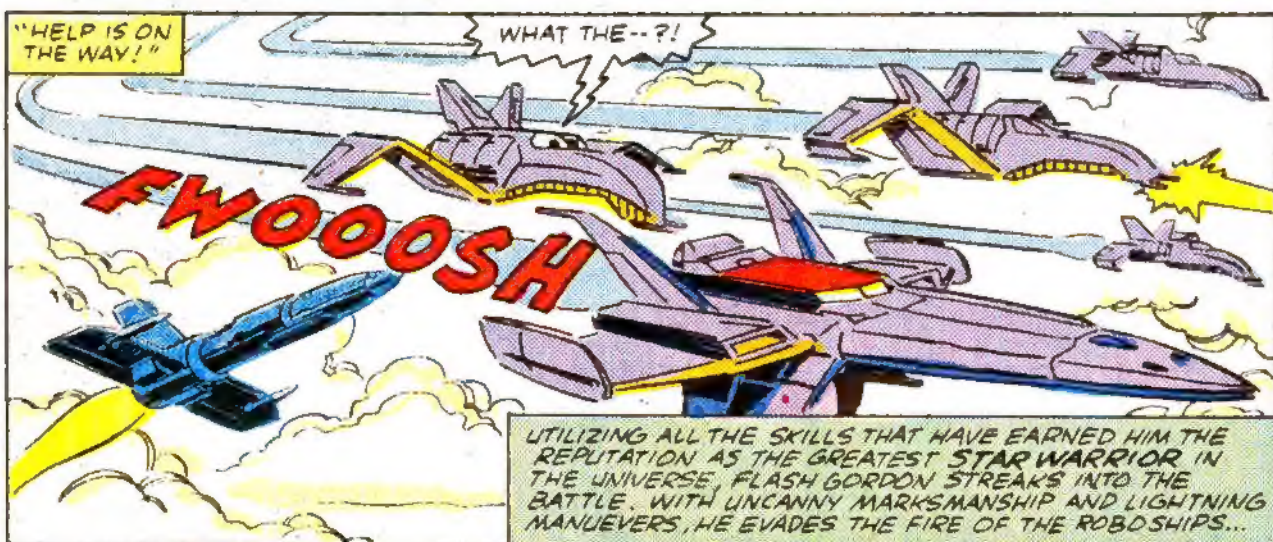


THEY CAN'T GIVE UP HOPE!



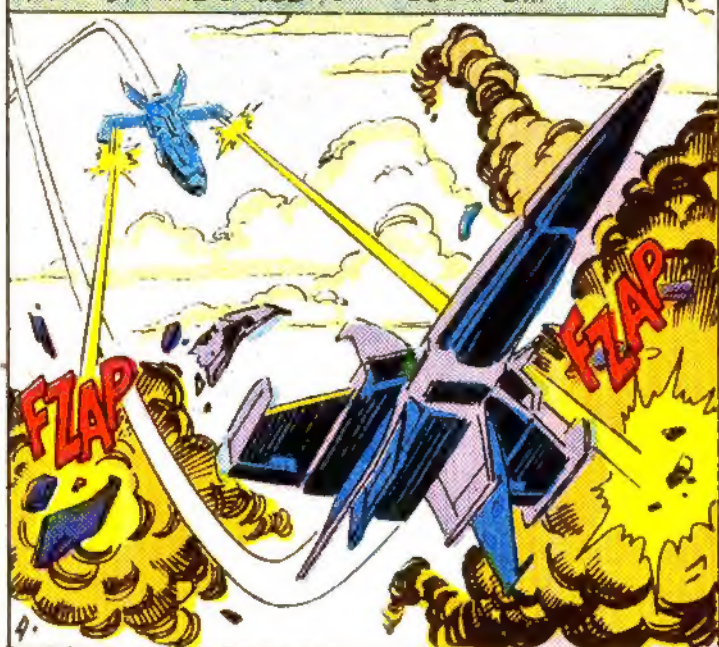
"HELP IS ON THE WAY!"

WHAT THE--?!



UTILIZING ALL THE SKILLS THAT HAVE EARNED HIM THE REPUTATION AS THE GREATEST STAR WARRIOR IN THE UNIVERSE, FLASH GORDON STREAKS INTO THE BATTLE. WITH UNCANNY MARKSMANSHIP AND LIGHTNING MANUEVERS, HE EVADES THE FIRE OF THE ROBOSHIPS...

...WHILE HIS OWN ATTACK IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE AGAINST MING'S FLEET OF ROBOSHIPS...



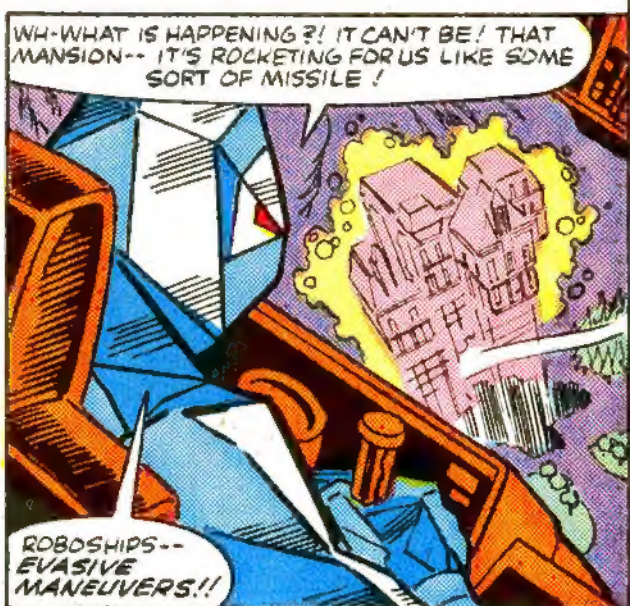
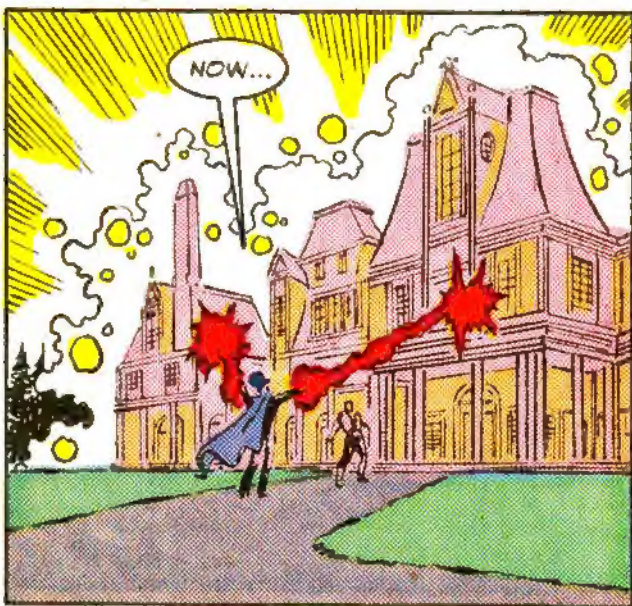
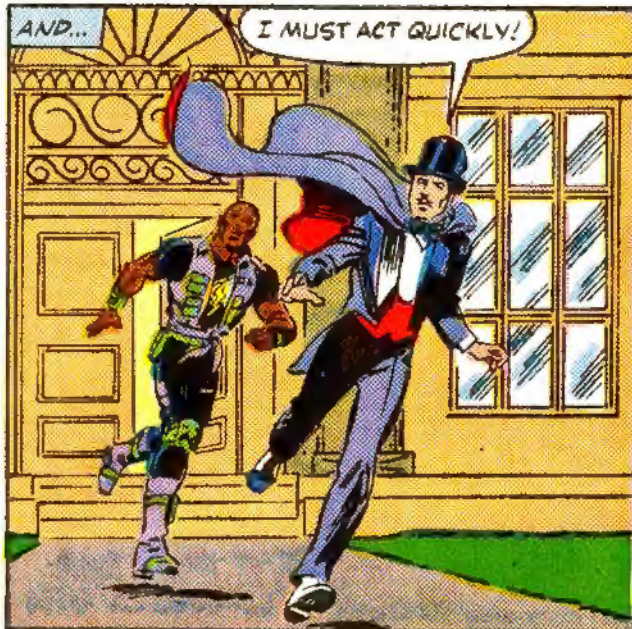
ELIMINATING GORDON ONCE AND FOR ALL WILL SECURE MY POSITION AT MING'S RIGHT HAND!

DO AS YOU WISH, FLASH GORDON! IT IS A TOKEN EFFORT AT BEST! YOU ARE HOPELESSLY OUT-NUMBERED! I HAVE YOU RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU!



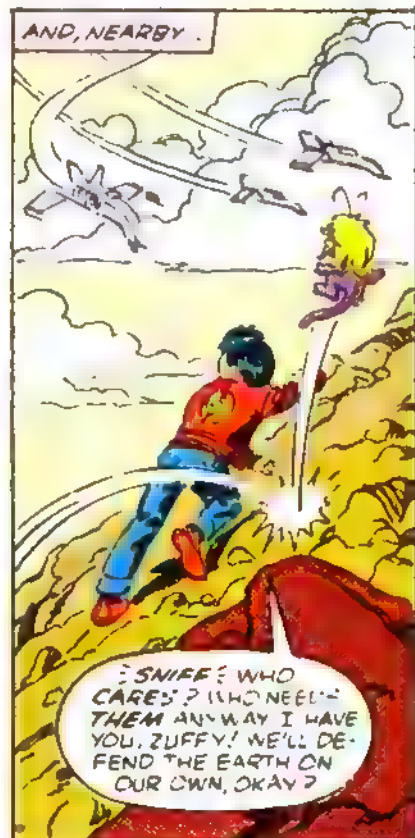
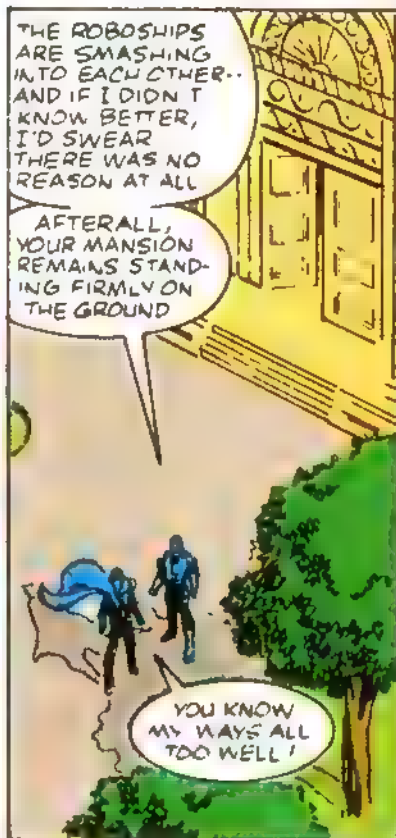
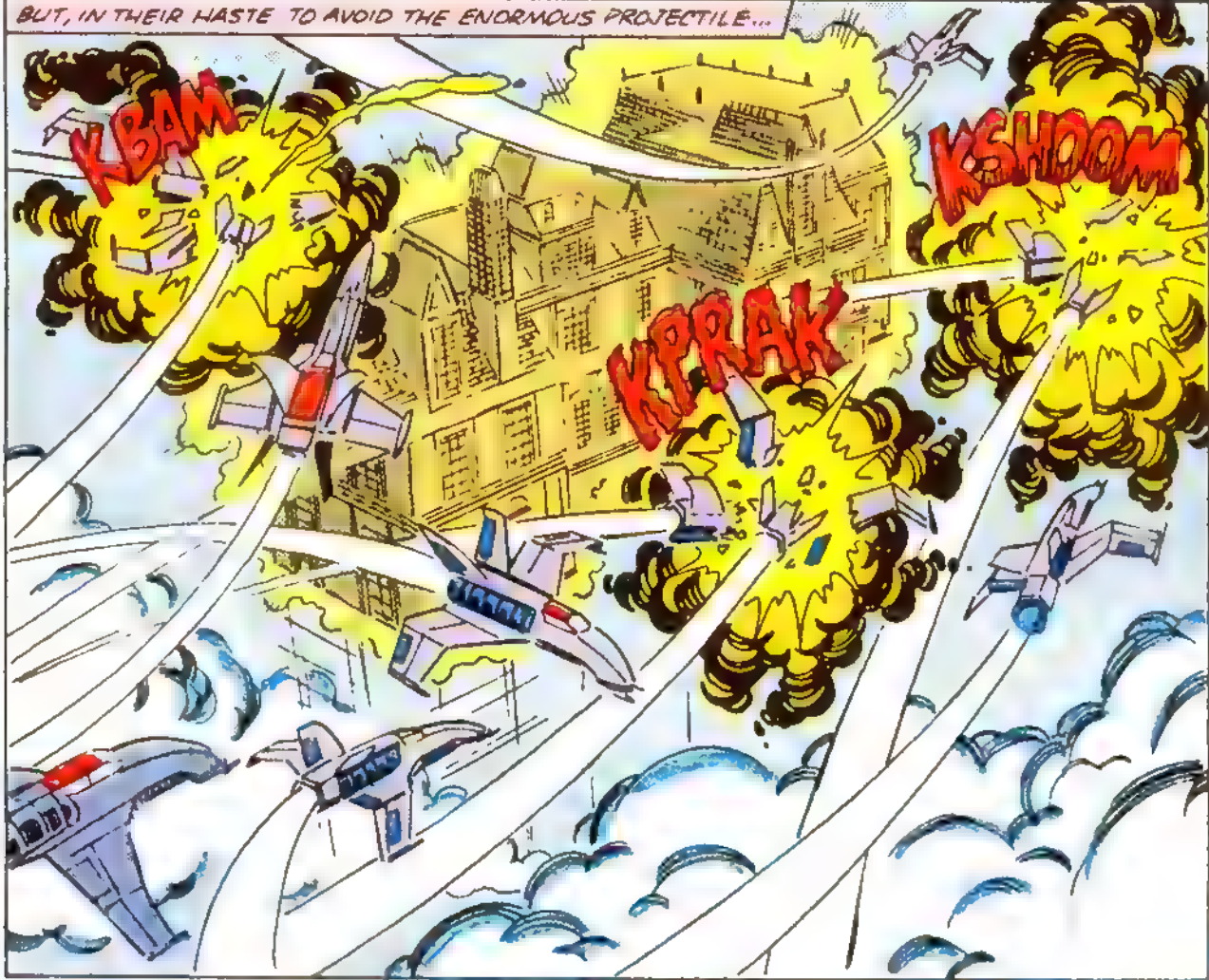
HE MAY BE RIGHT! BUT...NO! THERE MUST BE A WAY FOR US TO TURN THIS CONFRONTATION TO OUR ADVANTAGE!



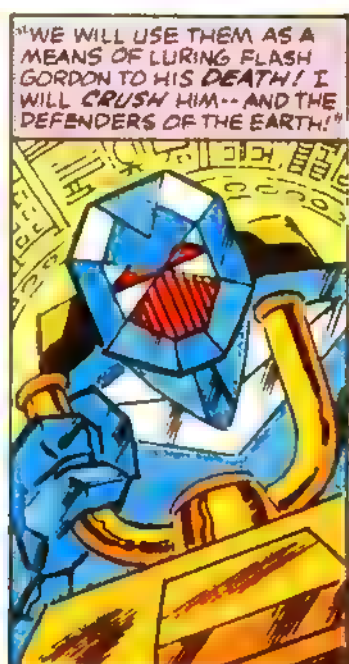
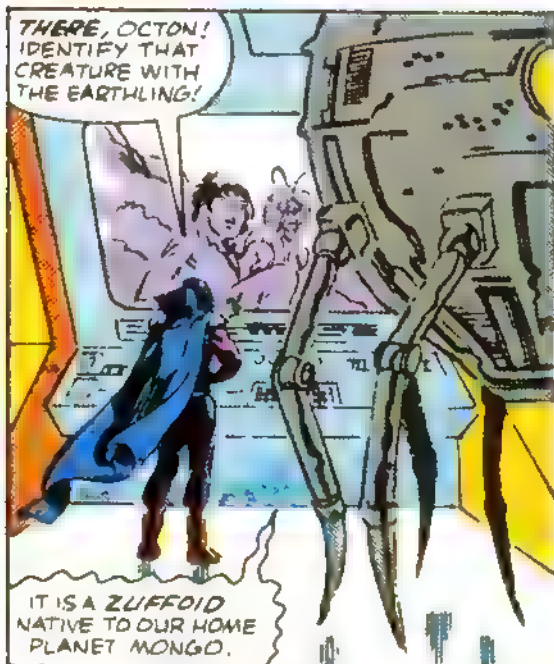
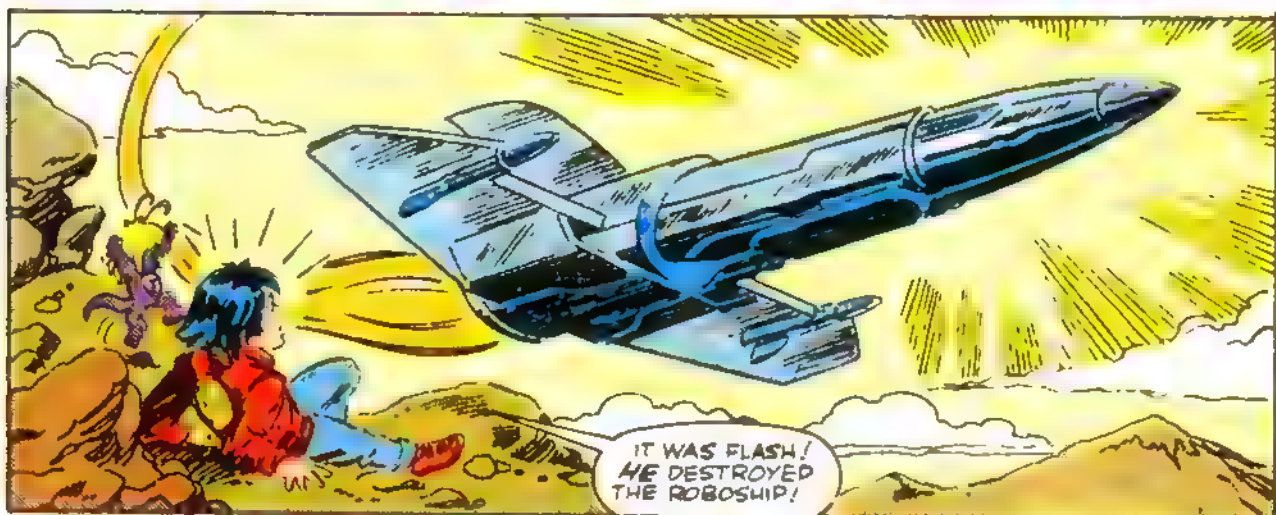
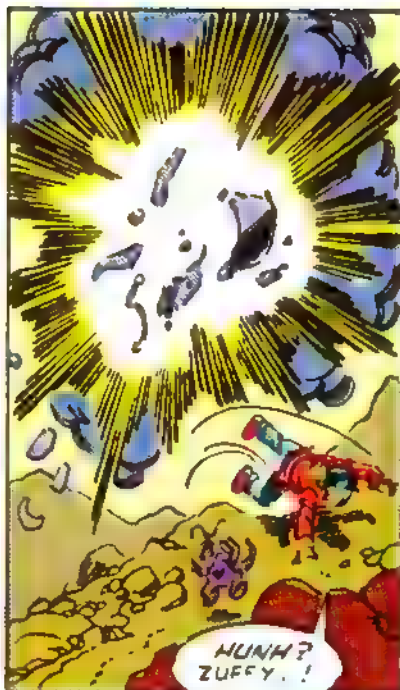




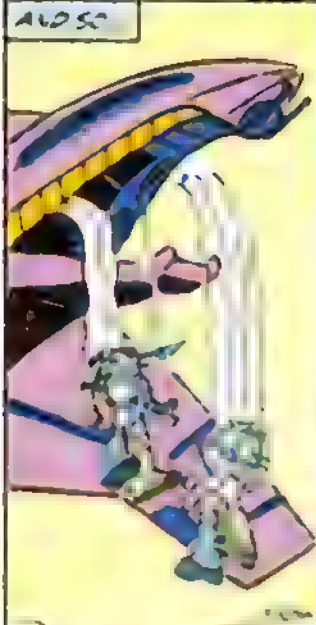
BUT, IN THEIR HASTE TO AVOID THE ENORMOUS PROJECTILE...



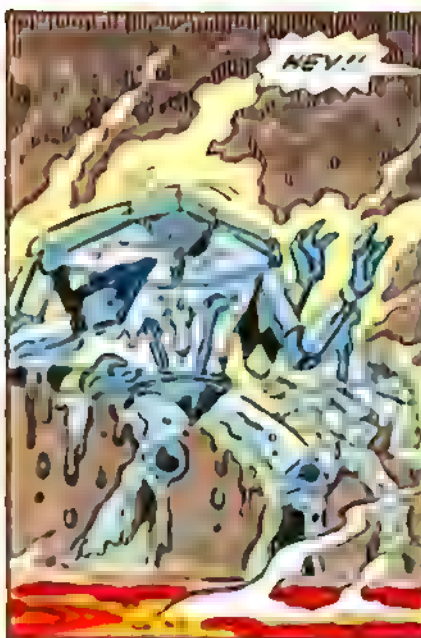
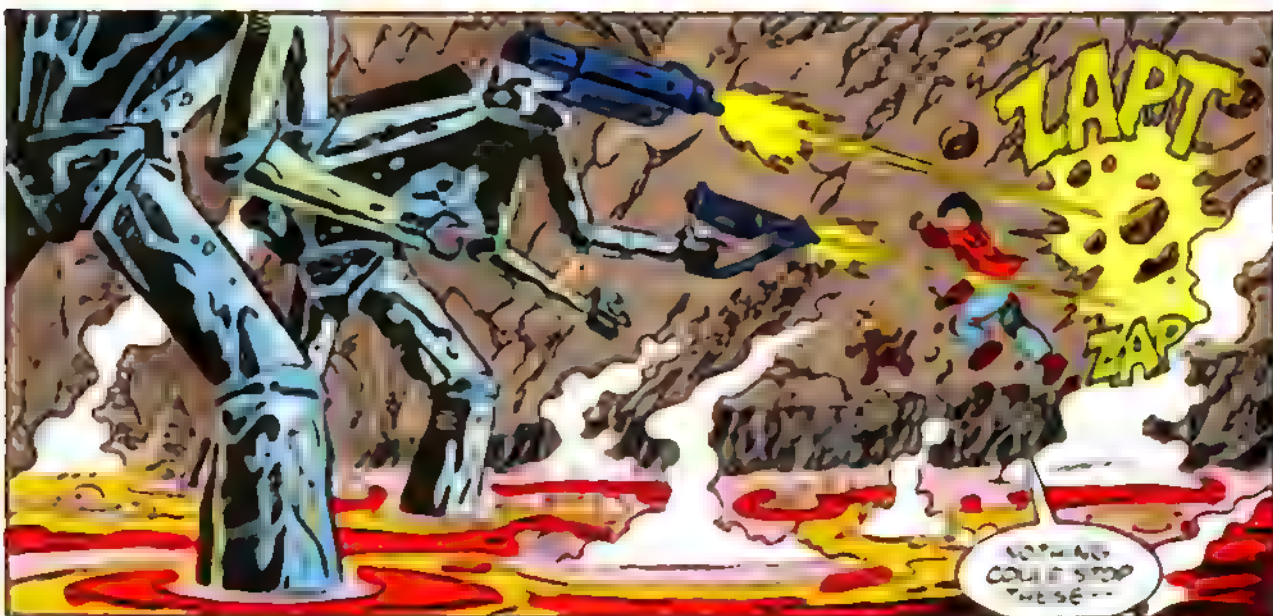
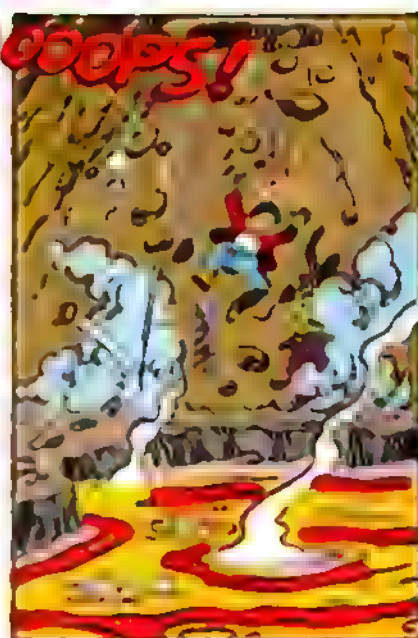




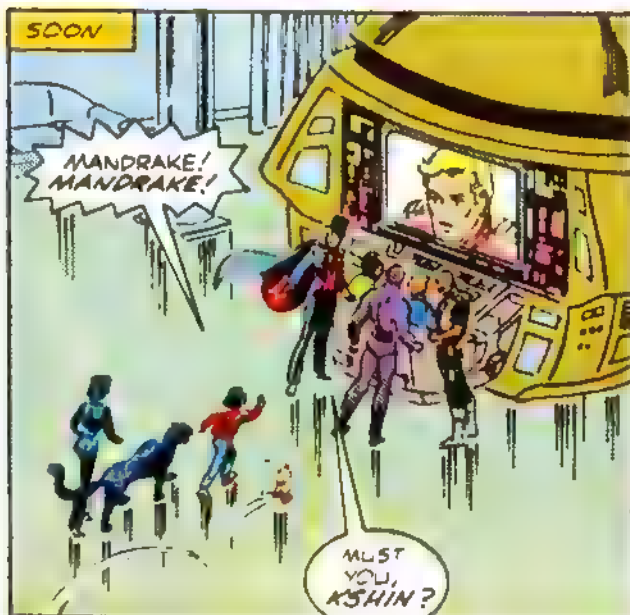
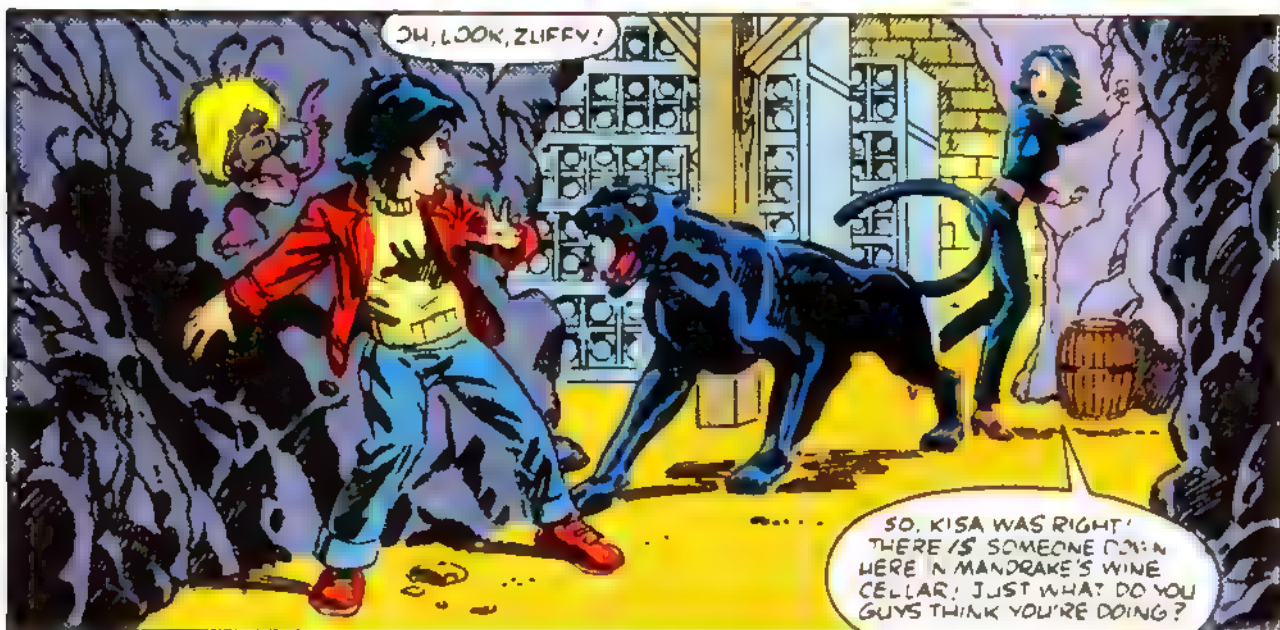
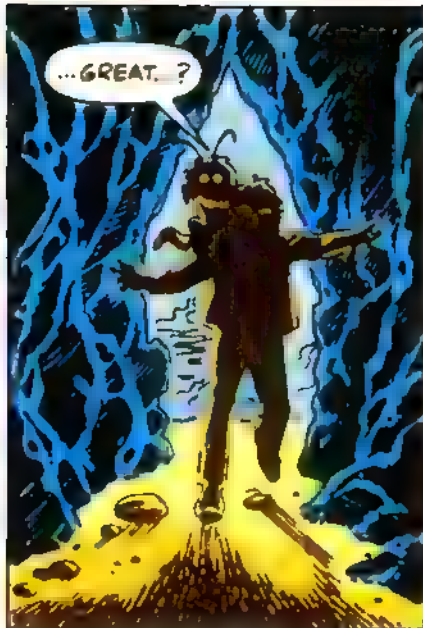














NOW SEE HERE, MR. HIGH AND MIGHTY.' WHAT KSHIN HAS TO SAY IS IMPORTANT, TOO! IF YOU DIDN'T JUST BRUSH HIM OFF ALL THE TIME YOU JUST MIGHT LEARN A THING OR TWO!

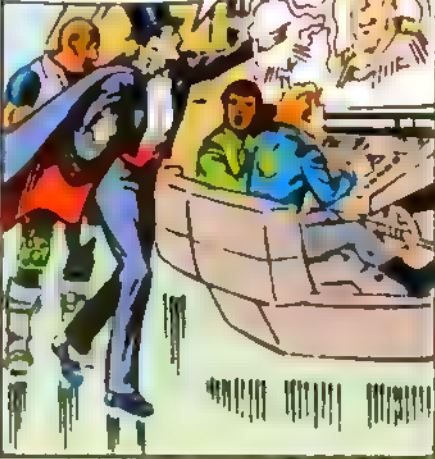


WELL I...YES, JEDDA! OF COURSE

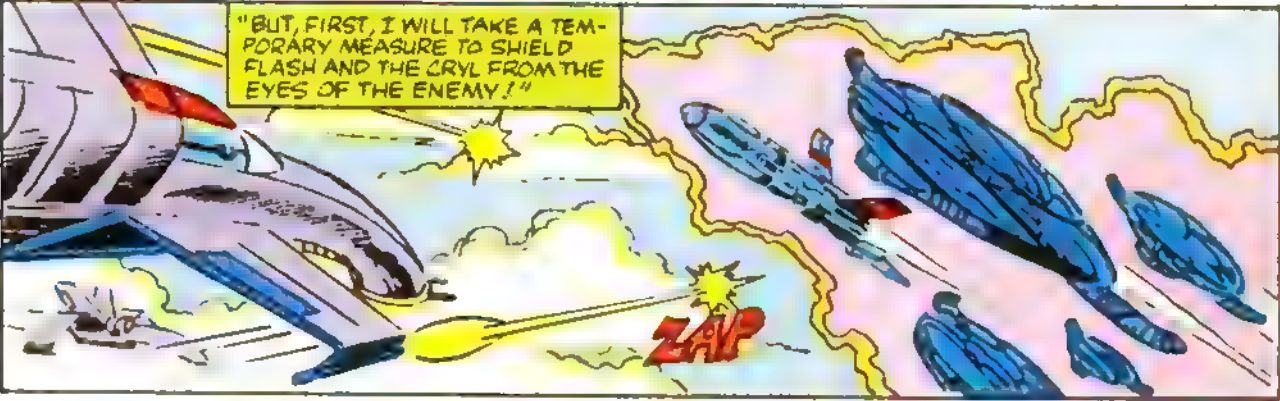
WHAT IS IT, KSHIN?



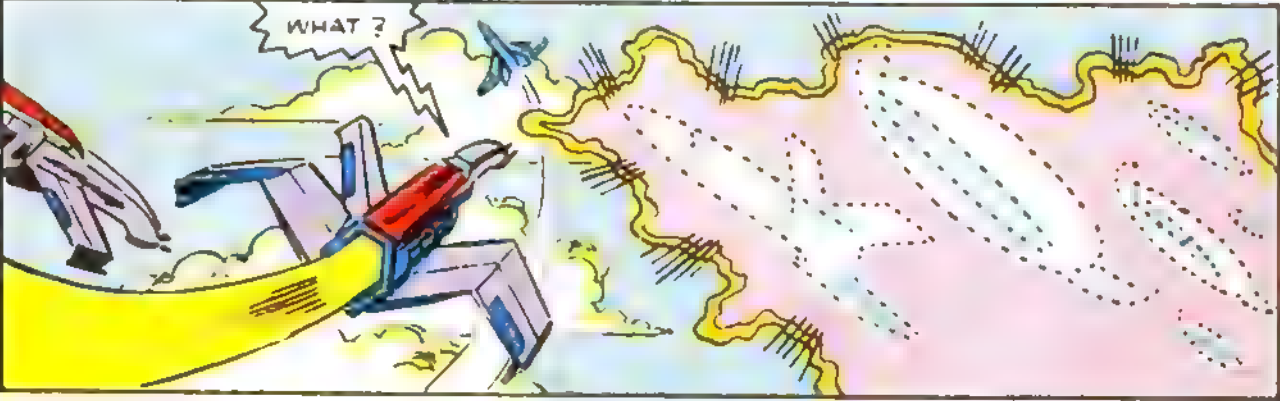
412,50 I AM SORRY, KSHIN FORGIVE ME I THINK THE CAVERN YOU DISCOVERED MAY BE JUST THE THING WE NEED IT SOUNDS AS IF WE CAN HIDE THE ENTIRE FLEET IN THERE AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE SHALL DO!



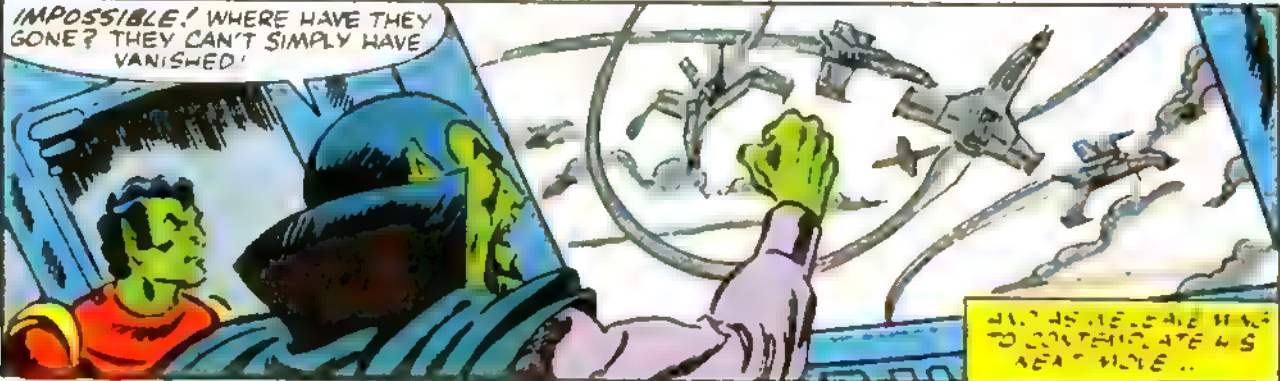
"BUT, FIRST, I WILL TAKE A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO SHIELD FLASH AND THE CRYL FROM THE EYES OF THE ENEMY!"



WHAT?

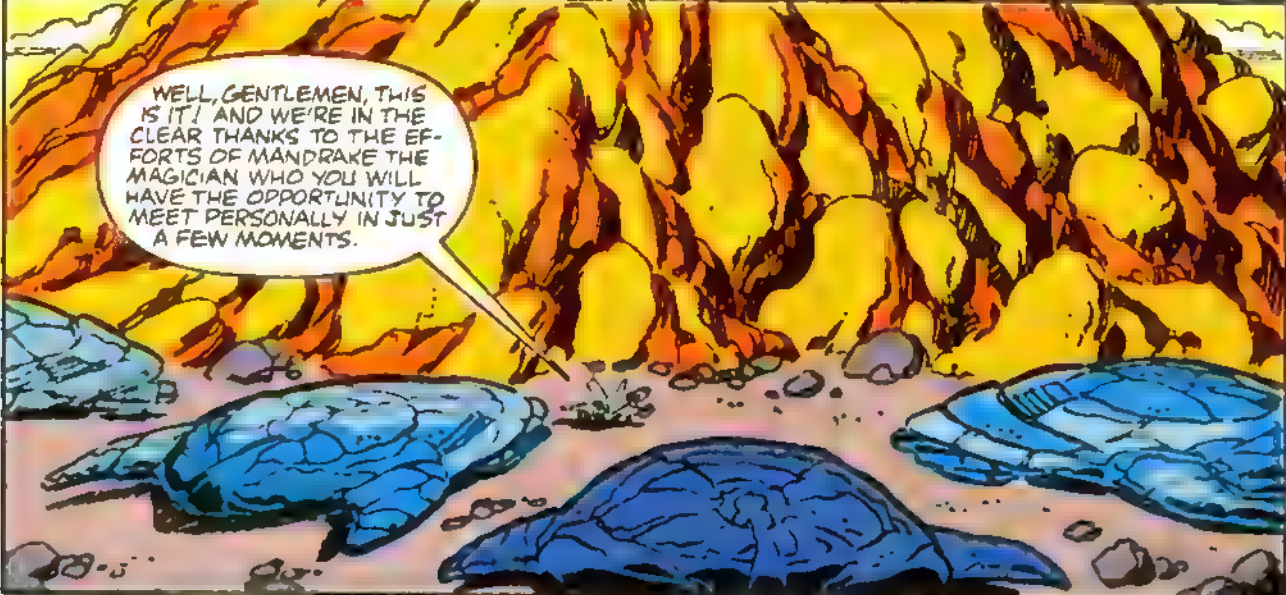


IMPOSSIBLE! WHERE HAVE THEY GONE? THEY CAN'T SIMPLY HAVE VANISHED!




AND AS WE LEAVE THEM TO CONTINGUATE A'S REAR VIEW...





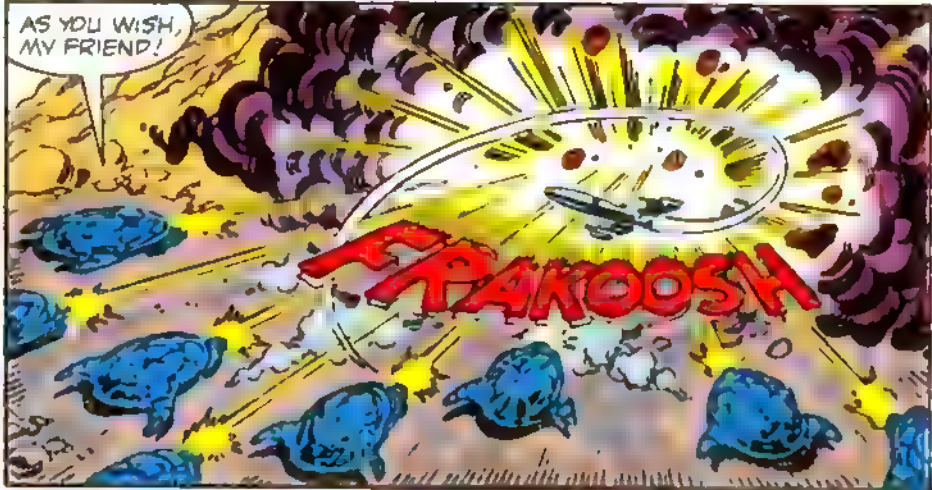
WELL, GENTLEMEN, THIS IS IT! AND WE'RE IN THE CLEAR THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN WHO YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PERSONALLY IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS.



FIRST, MORBIUS, THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO DO

ALL YOU NEED DO IS ASK!

WE'RE GOING TO NEED AN OPENING IN THIS MOUNTAIN-- ONE THAT'S LARGE ENOUGH FOR OUR SHIP TO PASS THROUGH. WE CAN ACTUALLY USE THE INTERIOR AS A PLACE TO STORE OUR SHIPS--AND PERHAPS WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO CONSIDERABLY MORE HERE!



AS YOU WISH, MY FRIEND!

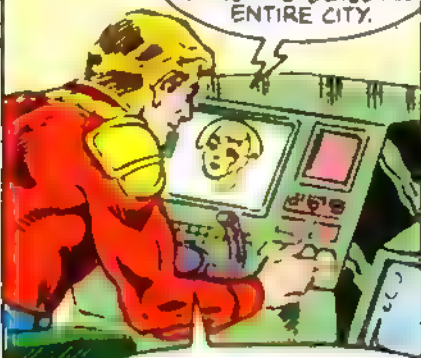


NOW... LET'S SEE WHAT DYNAX X HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS PLACE.



SHORTLY...

ACCORDING TO MY SCANNERS THE MOUNTAIN CONTAINS A CAVERN LARGE ENOUGH IN WHICH TO BUILD AN ENTIRE CITY.



FANTASTIC! IT'S PERFECT! I DON'T THINK WE COULD FIND A BETTER PLACE FOR OUR MONITOR.

ONE MOMENT, FLASH GORDON THERE IS ADDITIONAL DATA WHICH MAY ALTER YOUR PLANS THE MOUNTAIN IS A VOLCANO-- AND IT IS NOT ENTIRELY EXTINCT



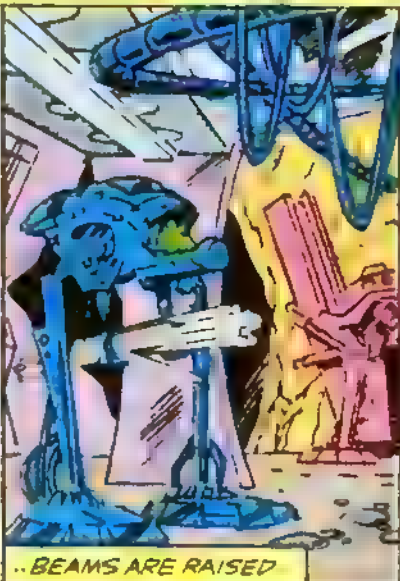
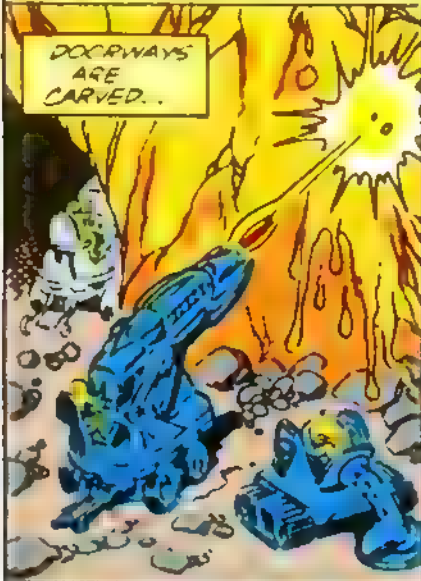
WAAAA

WAIT A MINUTE! WE MAY HAVE TO ALTER THE PLANS-- BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM UP! I HAVE AN IDEA!



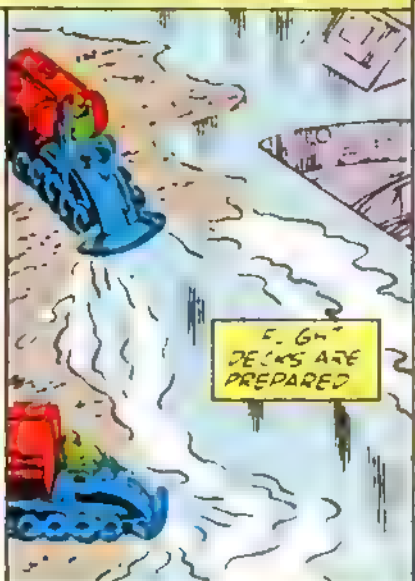
AND, SO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MONITOR IS BEGUN. WORK THAT WOULD OTHERWISE TAKE MONTHS IS COMPLETED IN A MATTER OF DAYS, THANKS TO THE SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY OF THE ALIEN CIVIL

DOORWAYS ARE CARVED...

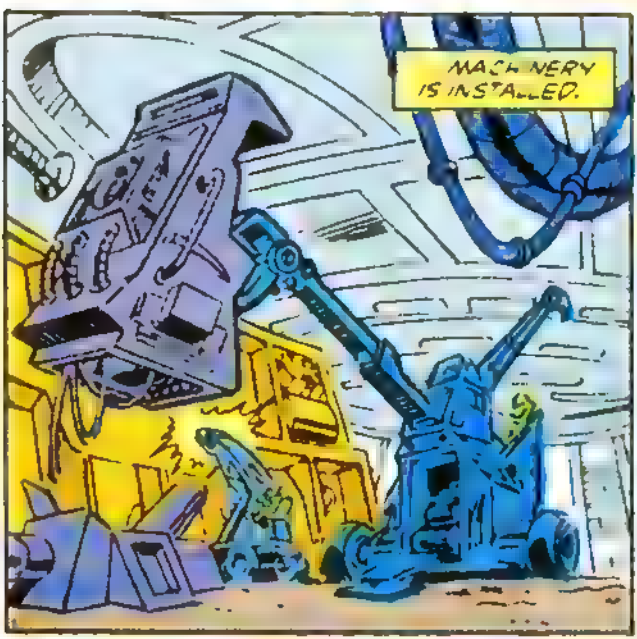


...BEAMS ARE RAISED

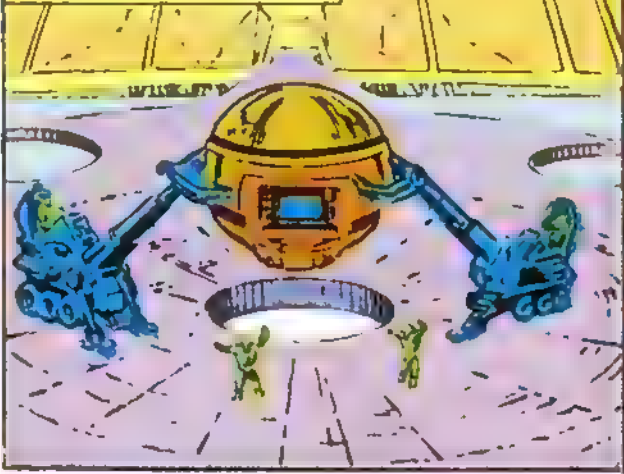
5-6 FT DECKS ARE PREPARED



MACHINERY IS INSTALLED.



ONE MACHINE IN PARTICULAR RECEIVES SPECIAL ATTENTION AND IS GIVEN A VERY PROMINENT POSITION IN THE DESIGN OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS.

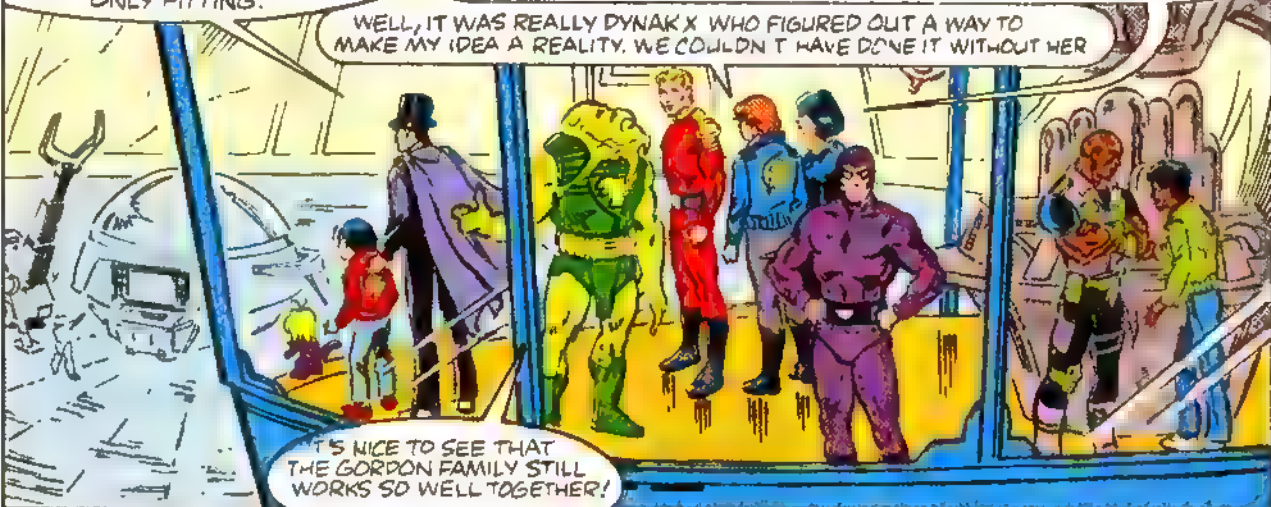




YOU SEE, KSHIN, EVEN THOUGH MRS. GORDON HAS PERISHED, HER SPIRIT WILL STILL BE A VITAL, THRIVING FORCE HERE AT MONITOR. IT IS ONLY FITTING.

IT WAS BRILLIANT OF RICK TO SUGGEST CAPPING THE ACTIVE SHAFT TO HARNESS THE GEO-THERMAL ENERGY OF THE VOLCANO AS A MEANS OF POWERING MONITOR. HE TURNED A POTENTIAL THREAT INTO AN ORGANIC SOLUTION TO OUR ENERGY PROBLEM!

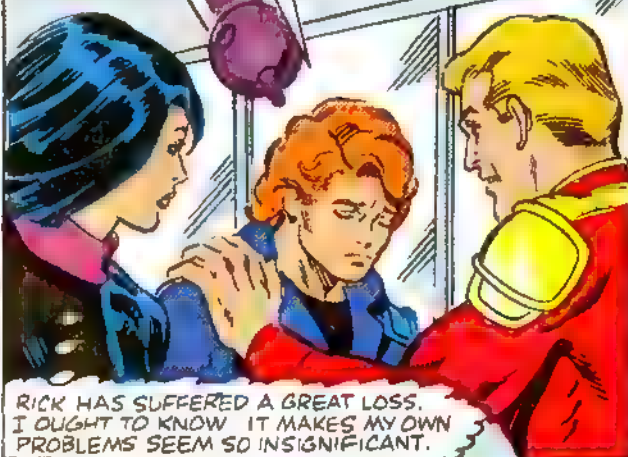
WELL, IT WAS REALLY DYNAX X WHO FIGURED OUT A WAY TO MAKE MY IDEA A REALITY. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HER



IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT THE GORDON FAMILY STILL WORKS SO WELL TOGETHER!

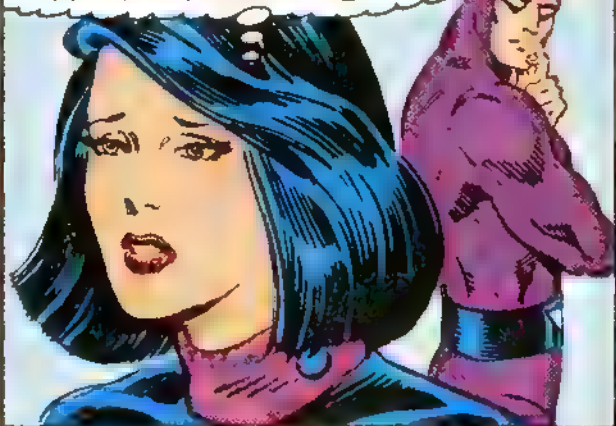
THE GORDON FAMILY...? GEE, IT'S SO HARD TO GET A GRIP ON EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING. MY MOTHER-- SHE'S

I KNOW, SON... I KNOW!



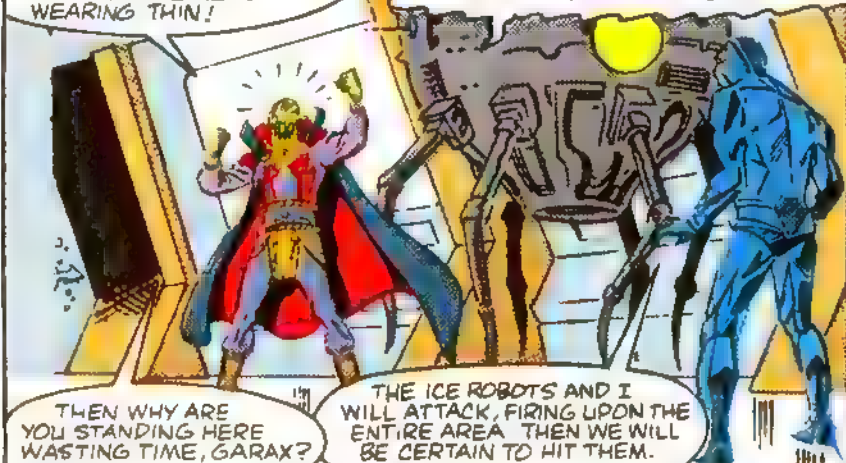
RICK HAS SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS. I OUGHT TO KNOW IT MAKES MY OWN PROBLEMS SEEM SO INSIGNIFICANT.

I KNOW I HAVE MADE NEW FRIENDS.. BUT, I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT BEING HERE MY HOME IS WITH THE JUNGLE BEASTS DEEP IN THE HEART OF AFRICA. THIS IS ALL SO FOREIGN TO ME. BUT MY FATHER HAS PROMISED TO STAY HERE WITH THE OTHERS TO HELP DEFEND THE EARTH... AND HE WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO RETURN TO AFRICA ALONE.



MEANWHILE... IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG! STILL YOU HAVE UNCOVERED NO SIGN OF THE INFERNAL DEFENDERS OR THEIR HIDEOUS, ALIEN COHORTS! I'M WARNING YOU-- MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN!

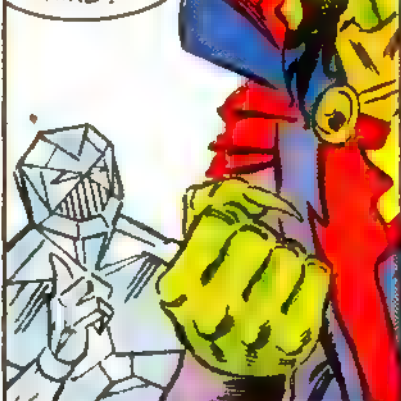
SIRE, WE STILL HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SIGN OF THEM. BUT I HAVE RECENTLY RECORDED MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ENERGY BEING USED IN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LOCATION WHERE THEY VANISHED. THEY MAY BE UTILIZING SOME FORM OF CLOAKING DEVICE



THEN WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE WASTING TIME, GARAX?

THE ICE ROBOTS AND I WILL ATTACK, FIRING UPON THE ENTIRE AREA THEN WE WILL BE CERTAIN TO HIT THEM.

I'M WARNING YOU, GARAX. THE INCOMPETENCE OF YOUR FLEET HAS COST ME ENOUGH ALREADY. I WILL NOT TOLERATE FAILURE THIS TIME!





AND BACK AT MONITOR

WE ARE ENTERING THE FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ONCE THE CROWN IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE RAISED THROUGH AN OPENING WHICH WILL BE MADE AT THE TOP OF THE CRATER AND MONITOR WILL BE COMPLETE.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH MORBIUS!

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO ASSIST YOU

BUT, OUTSIDE...

WE CAN'T BE SURE WHAT WE'RE HITTING!

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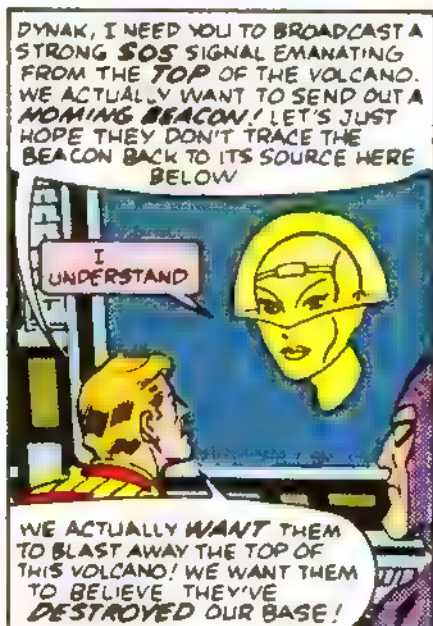
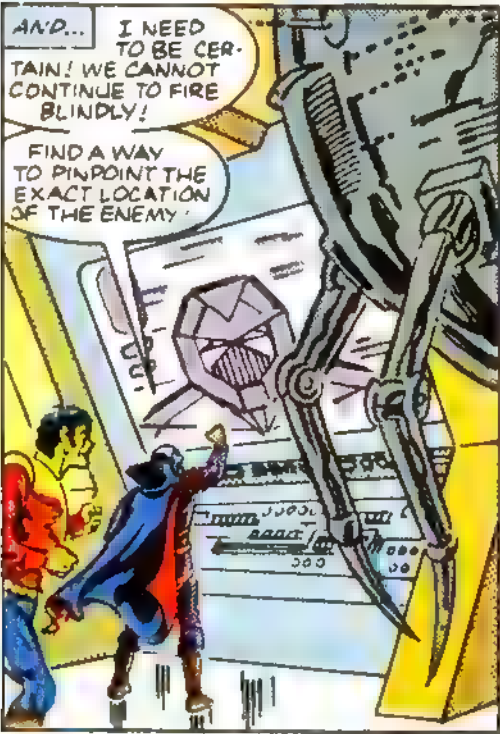
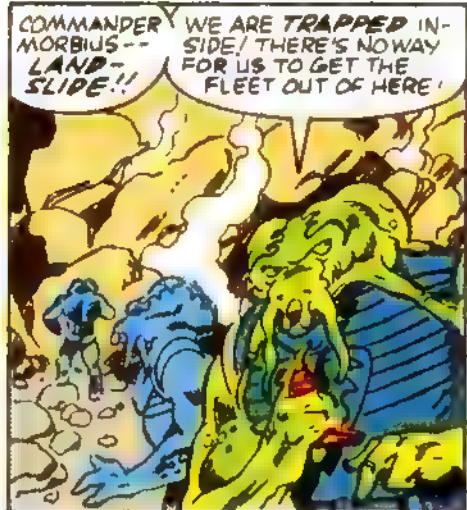
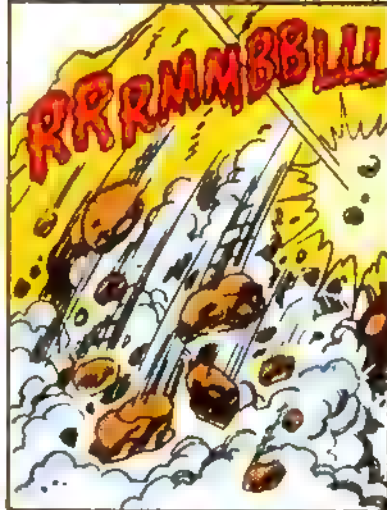
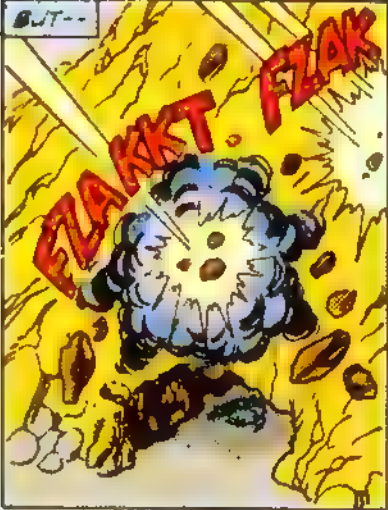
WH-WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! GUESS MING FINALLY FIGURED OUT THAT WE'VE BEEN HIDING RIGHT UNDER HIS UGLY, GREEN NOSE

TO YOUR SHIPS, MEN!

WE CAN'T SEE THEM, BUT WE KNOW THEY'RE HERE! KEEP FIRING-- EVERYWHERE!





BUT--

**FLAKKT FLAK**

**RRRMMBLL**

COMMANDER MORBIUS--  
**LAND-SLIDE!!**

WE ARE TRAPPED INSIDE! THERE'S NO WAY FOR US TO GET THE FLEET OUT OF HERE!

AND... I NEED TO BE CERTAIN! WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FIRE BLINDLY!

FIND A WAY TO PINPOINT THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE ENEMY!

I WANT TO DESTROY THE DEFENDERS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

I'VE NO SPELL TO FOOL THEM WITH THIS TIME! THEY KNOW WE'RE HIDING NEARBY!

WONDER HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND THE EARTH. RIGHT NOW WE DON'T SEEM ABLE TO DEFEND OURSELVES!

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LAUNCH A DIRECT ATTACK

BUT, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO WIN A BATTLE! SOMETIMES ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS OUT-SMART YOUR ENEMY! THERE MUST BE A WAY!

AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT IS BUT IT WILL PLACE DYNAX IN GREAT DANGER! I WOULD HATE TO LOSE DYNAX--YET, FOR ALL DYNAX IS I MUST REMEMBER WHAT SHE ISN'T! **DYNAX IS STILL A MACHINE!**

THERE ARE HUMAN LIVES TO BE CONSIDERED HERE! I MUST RISK IT!

DYNAX, I NEED YOU TO BROADCAST A STRONG SOS SIGNAL EMANATING FROM THE TOP OF THE VOLCANO. WE ACTUALLY WANT TO SEND OUT A **MORNING BEACON!** LET'S JUST HOPE THEY DON'T TRACE THE BEACON BACK TO ITS SOURCE HERE BELOW

I UNDERSTAND

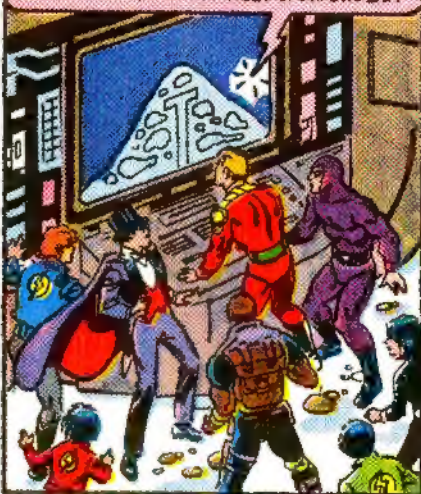
WE ACTUALLY WANT THEM TO BLAST AWAY THE TOP OF THIS VOLCANO! WE WANT THEM TO BELIEVE THEY'VE DESTROYED OUR BASE!

IF NECESSARY, WE'LL ALSO HAVE AN OPENING FOR OUR SHIPS TO BLAST OFF THROUGH BESIDES.. IT'LL SAVE US FROM HAVING TO DO IT AFTER ALL, WE STILL HAVE TO RAISE THE CROWN.

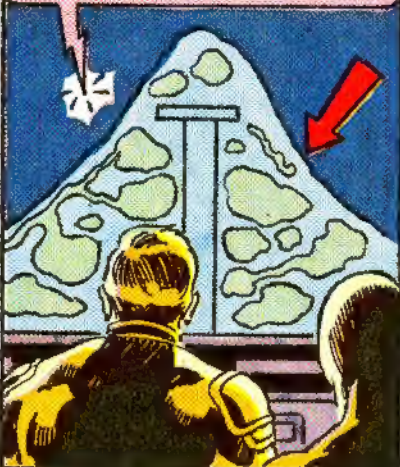
SOUND REASONING... AND I BELIEVE I HAVE AN IDEA THAT MAY AID YOUR PLAN



THIS IS A DIAGRAM SHOWING WHERE THE ATTACK HAS FRACTURED PART OF THE GEOTHERMAL CAP. PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP FROM THE LAVA AND STEAM -- THE SITUATION COULD PROVE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS!



BUT, AN EXPLOSION AT JUST THE RIGHT POINT-- SHOWN HERE--WOULD NOT ONLY SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT THE RELEASE OF STEAM AND LAVA WOULD CONVINCE MING THAT THE VOLCANO WAS ERUPTED! IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIMING!



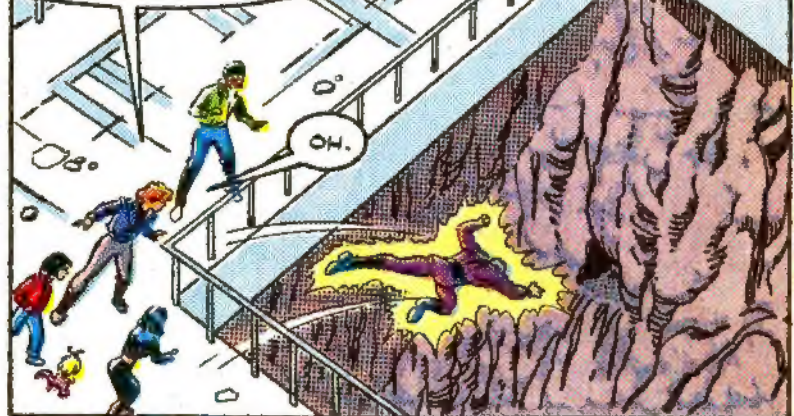
I WILL PLACE THE BOMB IN THE APPROPRIATE CAVERN.

THIS OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK.



I WILL SUMMON THE POWER OF TEN TIGERS FOR THE SPEED, AGILITY AND STRENGTH THAT THIS TASK WILL REQUIRE.

SPEED AND AGILITY SURE... BUT WHAT DO YOU NEED EXTRA-STRENGTH FOR?

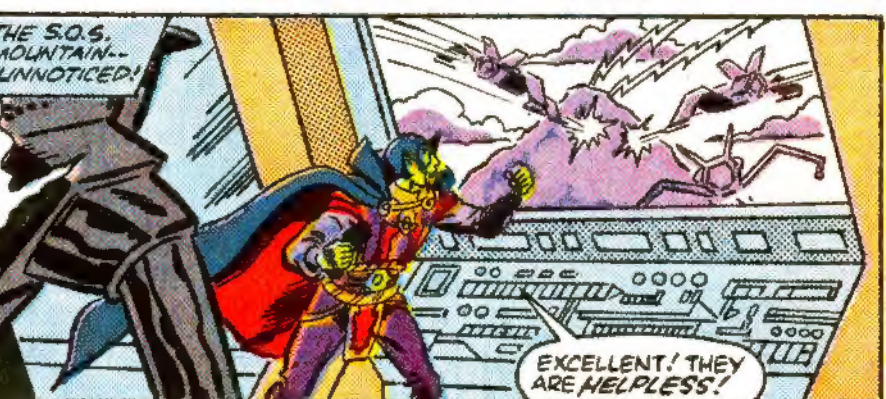


AND, AS THE PHANTOM STEALTHILY MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH MONITOR'S HIDDEN NATURAL TUNNELS...



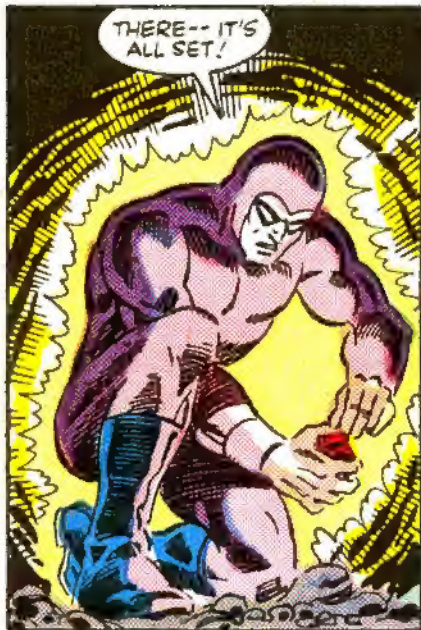
DYNAK BEGINS TO BROADCAST THE S.O.S. BEACON FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN-- A BEACON WHICH DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!

YOUR MAJESTY, WE ARE PICKING UP ON A DISTRESS SIGNAL. IT IS COMING FROM INSIDE THE TIP OF THE VOLCANO. WE CAN NOW CONCENTRATE OUR FIRE ON THAT SPOT AND ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF THE DEFENDERS ONCE AND FOR ALL!



EXCELLENT! THEY ARE HELPLESS!





THERE-- IT'S ALL SET!



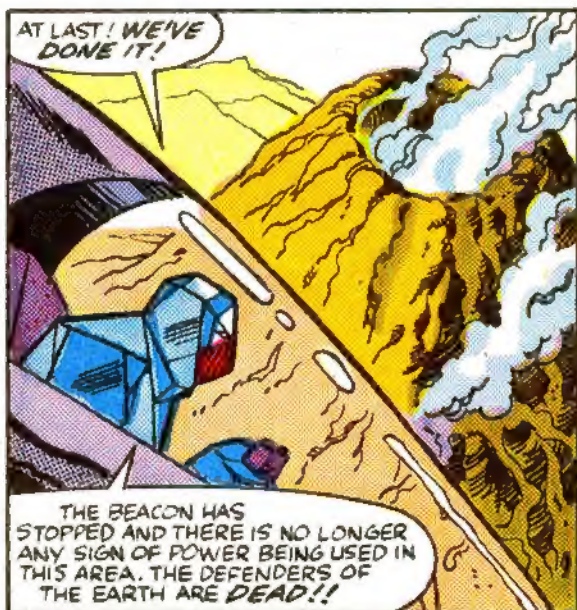
GAVE MYSELF ENOUGH TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE-- BUT JUST BARELY! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO WASTE!



AND, OUTSIDE, THE ROBO-SHIPS CONVERGE TO BLAST TIP OF THE VOLCANO...



...JUST AS THE BOMB PLANTED BY THE PHANTOM EXPLODES!



AT LAST! WE'VE DONE IT!

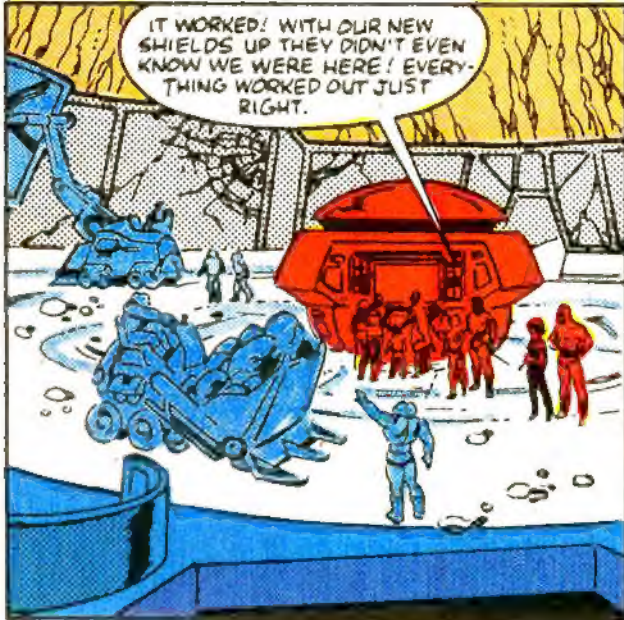
THE BEACON HAS STOPPED AND THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SIGN OF POWER BEING USED IN THIS AREA. THE DEFENDERS OF THE EARTH ARE DEAD!!



RETURN AT ONCE TO ICE STATION EARTH! YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL, GARAX, AND YOU SHALL BE GREATLY REWARDED!



IT WORKED! WITH OUR NEW SHIELDS UP THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE WERE HERE! EVERYTHING WORKED OUT JUST RIGHT.



I'M AFRAID THAT ISN'T QUITE SO. LOOK AT THE CONDITION OF MY MANSION. IT'S A SHAMBLES! IT COULD TAKE YEARS TO RESTORE IT!

PERHAPS, MANDRAKE, IT IS TIME FOR US TO BEGIN LOOKING UPON MONITOR AS OUR HOME MORE THAN OUR HEADQUARTERS. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE LIVING HERE.



BUT MY HOME IS NOTHING LIKE THIS. HOW AM I GOING TO BE COMFORTABLE HERE?



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL... AND I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR YOU. BUT, YOU MUST TRUST THAT EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT IN THE END.

INDEED, IT WILL, PHANTOM.



WHAT IS IT DYNAK?

IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THE BOMB YOU PLANTED EXPLODED IT OPENED UP A RATHER LARGE CAVERN AREA-- ONE IN WHICH JEDDA COULD CREATE A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT AND FEEL AT HOME.

AS A RESULT OF THE GEO-THERMIC TEMPERATURE, THE CLIMATE WILL NATURALLY SIMULATE THAT OF YOUR HOMETLAND IN AFRICA.



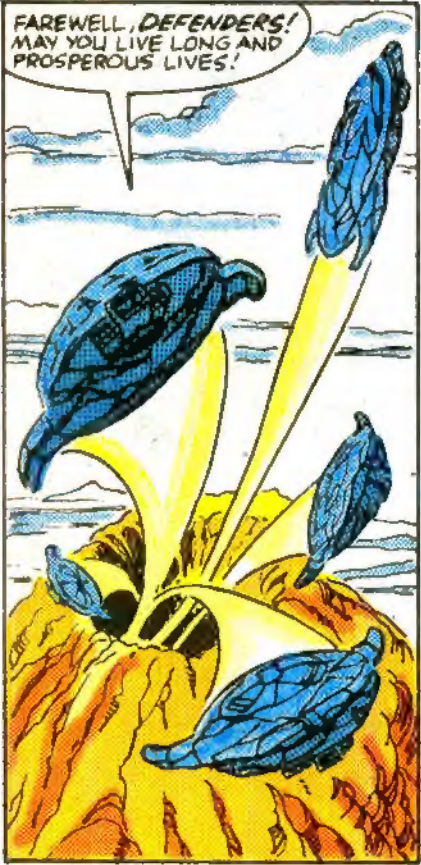
YOU SEE, JEDDA. YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANTED.

THINGS SHOULD BE QUIET ENOUGH AROUND HERE-- AT LEAST FOR A WHILE. AFTER ALL, MING THINKS WE'RE DEAD. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO START WORKING ON IT RIGHT AWAY!

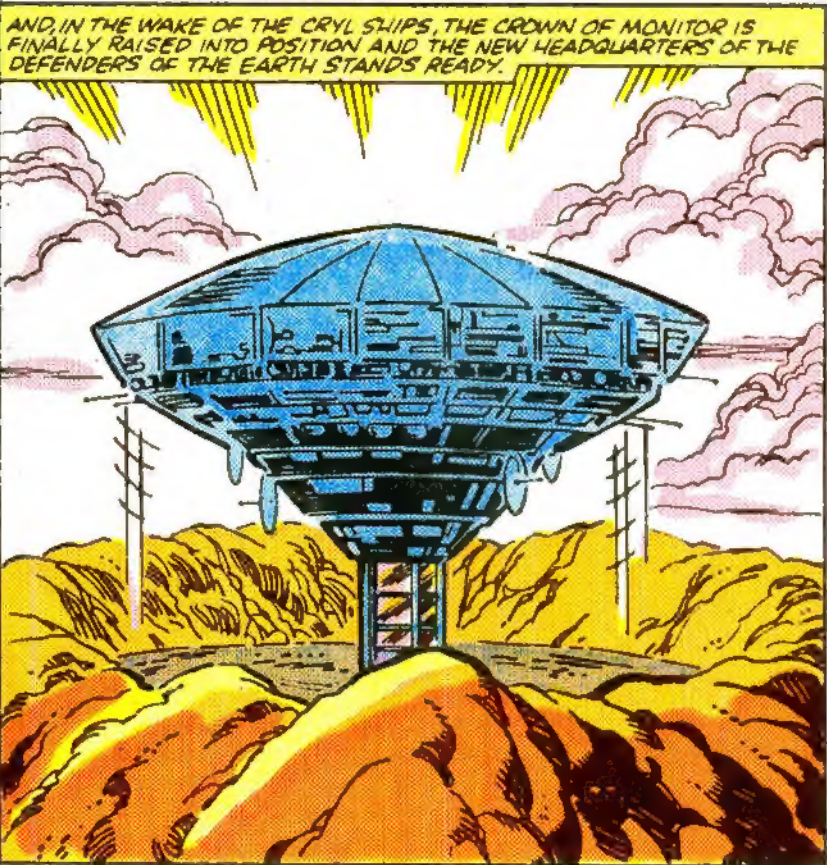




FAREWELL, DEFENDERS!  
MAY YOU LIVE LONG AND  
PROSPEROUS LIVES!



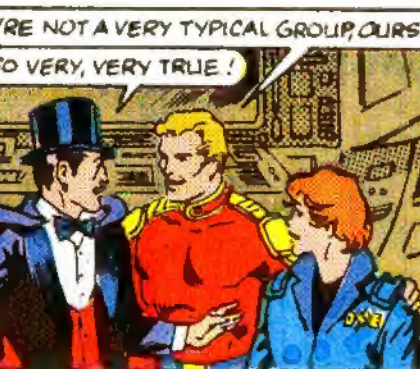
AND, IN THE WAKE OF THE CRYL SLIPS, THE CROWN OF MONITOR IS  
FINALLY RAISED INTO POSITION AND THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
DEFENDERS OF THE EARTH STANDS READY.



A JOB WELL DONE! AND IF  
YOU DON'T MIND MY SAYING,  
NOT A VERY TYPICAL GROUP  
OF FRIENDS YOU HAVE  
THERE!



WE'RE NOT A VERY TYPICAL GROUP, OURSELVES!  
SO VERY, VERY TRUE!



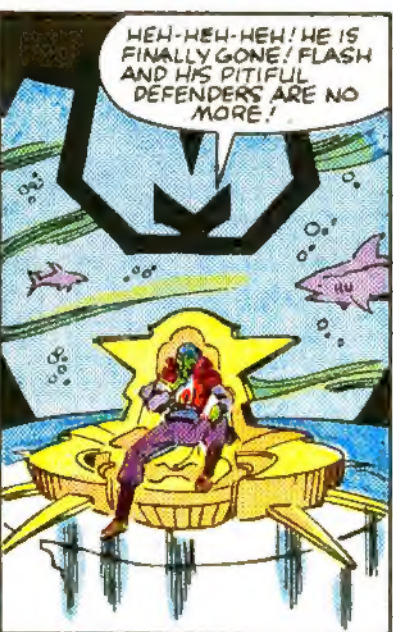
THERE IS A  
NEED FOR  
MEN LIKE US  
TO BE JOINED  
TOGETHER--  
TO STAND  
STRONG  
BEFORE ANY  
FORCE THAT  
WOULD  
OPPOSE  
US!



OUR JOB WILL NOT BE DONE UNTIL  
THE EARTH IS NO LONGER THREAT-  
ENED BY FORCES THAT WOULD  
SUBJUGATE HUMANITY. LET US NOT  
FORGET THAT MING IS STILL OUT  
THERE. THERE CAN BE NO REST  
UNTIL HE IS FINALLY ELIMINATED!  
HE MUST BE DEFEATED!



HEH-HEH-HEH! HE IS  
FINALLY GONE! FLASH  
AND HIS PITIFUL  
DEFENDERS ARE NO  
MORE!



THE TIME IS RIGHT! THE EARTH  
IS MINE FOR THE TAKING!

